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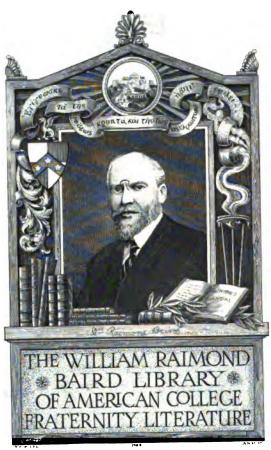
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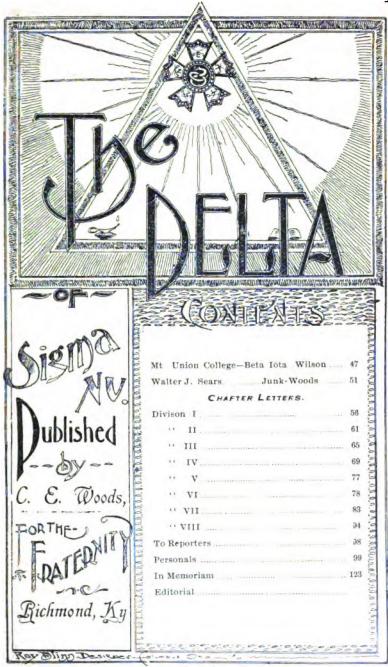
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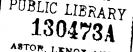
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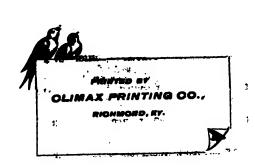
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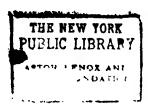
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On December 3d the Sub Rosa, or Secret Edition of the DELTA, was mailed to the chapters and alumni subscribers. It is No. 1 of Vol. 15. This is the second number of Vol. 15. The third number will appear early in the new year. Chapter letters should be sent in upon receipt of this notice.











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## MT. UNION COLLEGE, HOME OF BETA IOTA.

Mt. Union College, Alliance, O., the birthplace of Beta Iota Chapter of Sigma Nu, was founded October 20, 1846, by the Rev. O. N. Hartshorn, D. D., LL. D., at that time an undergraduate in Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

Mt. Union College is an institution for both sexes, being the first school in the world to admit and confer degrees upon women on an equal footing with men.

From the very first the college has prospered. Situated in the most fashionable suburb of the big manufacturing city of Alliance, its students have all the advantages to be received from a cultured and refined people. The school is under the direct charge of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been handsomely endowed by the efforts of that denomination. At first the student body consisted of those living within close proximity of the school, but now the borders have so widened that students are drawn from all portions of the country. Admission to the college requires a good moral character and an upright purpose.

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#### THE FACULTY.

The faculty, twenty-two in number, are men and women of the highest type of culture and learning, and to these persons, more than any other body, Mt. Union owes her great success. Dr. O. N. Hartshorn, founder and president for forty-one years, retired in 1888, and Dr. T. P. Marsh, of Chicago, Ill., was chosen to fill the vacancy. Dr. Marsh has also been compelled to resign on account of ill health, and is only waiting for the choice of a worthy person to succeed him as the chief executive.

The three courses offered in the literary department lead to the degrees of A. B., Ph. B. and Bc. S., while special degrees are given from the Musical, Commercial, Art, Shorthand and Elecutionary Departments, all of which are in a flourishing condition.

#### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

The college campus is one of the most attractive in the State, and consists of fifty-six acres, several of which are adorned with massive trees, which afford most inviting pleasure grounds during the summer season.

The college buildings consist of the main building, erected in 1864; the ladies' dormitory, 1866; Morgan gymnasium, 1890; president's house, 1880, and the M. E. Church, 1895. Besides these a fine library and museum building is soon to be erected as a memorial to the noble founder of our institution. The museum is the pride of this school and one of the very best in the country, embracing specimens from all parts of the globe.

In the dedication of the main college, 1864, a striking incident occurred. Salmon P. Chase, then Secretary of the United States Treasury, and an alumnus of Mt. Union, who was presiding at the dedicatory services, received his appointment from Abraham Lincoln as

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

#### ATHLETICS.

Athletics have always flourished, and football, baseball, basket ball and tennis have attained a high degree of excellence. Fine athletic grounds are provided, and the students and faculty give much attention to this line of college activity.

#### LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The literary societies, Republican and Linnalon, have exerted a powerful influence over the students, and, to show their real strength, we point to the fact that in 1889 they joined their libraries and donated a fine college library of several thousand volumes. It is in these societies that the students acquire the art of speaking before large audiences, and the success of the school in oratory may be easily traced to the same source.

#### PUBLICATIONS.

Two publications are carried on by the student body—one the "Unonian," the annual, published by the senior class, and the "Dynamo," a monthly publication.

#### CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

The Y. W. and Y. M. C. Associations are a recognized factor in college affairs and help to draw all classes of students into a closer relationship. They expect to erect an association building in the near future to cost \$10,000; over one-half of this amount has already been provided.

#### EXPENSES.

Tuition for the entire year in the collegiate department is \$44. The cost of living is very moderate and keeps in range with the surrounding institutions in this respect. The electric street railway connects the

college ward with the city proper, and many students find homes in the business portion of the town.

### SIGMA NU AT MT. UNION.

Now comes the most important event in the history of this college—at least the members of Beta Iota Chapter think so: that is, the founding of the local chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

It was in the year '92 that nine loyal adherents—namely, J. E. Antram, W. L. Crumbaugh E. L. Nicholson, C. S. Guichard, R. S. Taylor, H. E. Marsh, P. G. Mapel, H. S. Dumbauld and H. H. McQuilkens—applied for and received a charter, giving them all the rights of an active charter. Bro. W. J. Sears, of Columbus, came to Alliance on July 22, '92, and the second Ohio chapter was placed in full working order. Since that time the chapter has flourished, and her sixty-four initiates have taken an active part in all lines of college affairs.

Entering into the spirit of the institution, the new "frat" gained recognition at once, and none are more worthy of their lineage than the supporters of our time-honored creed. The work of this chapter in society, class room, athletics and as fraternity men has always been attended with a marked degree of success. For proof we refer to the chapter letters contained in ·past numbers of the "Delta." Since our establishment nineteen of our boys have completed their college courses and are now occupying positions of trust and and honor. At the opening of the present year thirteen old men returned to renew their work; since that time, however, we have added the names of five loyal names to our roster. Thus a pleasant and profitable year has opened for us, and we predict a most enjoyable time.

The fraternities at Mt. Union are: Delta Gamma, 14; S. L. C. (local), 14; C. F. C. (local), 7; S. A. E., 19; A. T. O., 18; Sigma Nu, 17. All of these, except C. F. C., occupy "frat" houses.

A. H. W.

### WALTER J. SEARS,

FOUNDER OF BETA NU, PRESIDENT OF THE COLUMBUS (OHIO) SIGMA NU ALUMNI CHAPTER.

We should judge a man by comparing his good and bad qualities. Were he ever so good in certain lines, and equally as bad in other lines, we should not consider him a great man. Especially is this rule applicable when we are speaking of a fraternity man. A man who is prompt in paying his obligations to his fraternity, is free in giving his time and energies in its behalf, is ever willing to make sacrifices and to forego pleasure in order that his fraternity might in some way be benefited, is entitled to greater credit than one who neglects some one or more of these various duties.

The subject of this sketch possesses every one of the above qualifications in a high degree. He was endowed by nature a natural leader of men. He was given by birth those traits that men admire and respect, and he lost no opportunity in developing those qualities. Fortunately for Sigma Nu, he at an early age became one of her number, and in his young manhood he learned to respect and love those principles that are implanted in the hearts and are ever near and dear to every true and loyal follower of the black, white and gold of our dear fraternity. Immediately upon becoming a member he became a worker, and the product of his labor is not only Beta Nu, of which he is the "chapter dad," but his influence and work have been felt in other chapters.

Walter J. Sears was born on a farm in Kansas in 1869. At the age of ten he moved with his parents to Ohio, which State he has ever since called his home. His father, of Chillicothe, Ohio, is the senior member of the firm of Sears & Nichols, who operate one of the largest canning factories in the United States.



When but a boy Walter was a leader among his playmates; in school he was practical and matter of fact, and, as is usually the case with one of his temperament and make-up, he was often surpassed in his examinations by his pedant associate, who got by rote that which was in the books from which they were examined; but, notwithstanding this fact, in school and college his record as a student is one of which any man should feel justly proud.

The college years 1889 and '90 were spent by him in the University of Kansas, where he became a member of Nu Chapter of Sigma Nu. In 1890 he entered the Ohio State University, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1894, and represented his class on commencement day as class prophet.

During his whole college career he took an active part in college politics, and, without question, held more college offices during his stay at the Ohio State University than did any other man during that same period. While he was editor-in-chief of the college paper he received most flattering comments upon its success from both students and professors alike. He was also manager of the college football team, president of the oratorical association, and held various offices, from the president down, in the literary society of the university, of which he was a member, and in which he took such an active interest. He did not seek these offices especially, but they sought him, and in each instance it can be safely said that the office was better by his having filled it.

During all this time his main energies and his best

During all this time his main energies and his best counsel and advice were given toward the advancement of Beta Nu Chapter, and Sigma Nu in general. Not a member of Beta Nu Chapter to-day that loves his fraternity but also loves Walter J. Sears.

Since leaving college he has a greater part of the time been engaged in newspaper work. For one year

he was president of the council of his adopted city, Chillicothe, and has always devoted no little part of his time to politics. The large and growing interests of his father's factory needed his attention, and he is now traveling for that concern.

H. P. J.

#### WALTER JAMES SEARS-A SKETCH.

The most excellent article that ever appeared in the Delta was contributed by Walter J. Sears. It was a "Review of the St. Louis Grand Chapter," on pages 37-43 of Vol. 14, No. 2, December, 1896. A similar article from his pen appeared after the Convention of the Seventh Division at Columbus, and may be found in the recent midsummer number, pages 458-463. Should our journal be graced no more by his contributions, these two articles will stand for all time as the patterns for future convention reviews. Those who failed to attend the convocations to which Bro. Sears devoted such careful analysis and review can yet draw pleasure and inspiration from these wonderful pen pictures of persons and events, It is, therefore, with pride and gratitude that we give space to the foregoing superb but merited tribute from Bro. Harry P. Junk, a brother whose name is a synonym for all things excellent.

By reference to the catalogue we find that Walter J. Sears comes from a family of Sigma Nus, there being four brothers, all members: William H., Clarence H., Walter James, and Lorin Beecher Sears, deceased. The subject of this sketch was born July 10, 1869, in a log cabin on a farm near Lawrence, Kansas, his parents being Charles M. and Mary A. Sears, now residents of Chillicothe, O., where the former is one of the leading citizens and largest merchants. In 1882 the family moved to the latter place, and from its high school in 1889 our esteemed brother was graduated, president of his class. In 1889-'90 he attended Kansas State

University, and joined Nu chapter of Sigma Nu September 19, '89. He was editor-in-chief of the Courier, and was foremost in all the activities of college life. In 1890-'94 he attended Ohio State University, and in the winter of 1891 he there founded Beta Nu Chapter. Here his ability was also recognized, and he was local editor and editor-in-chief of the Lantern; manager of the university football team, '92; President Oratorical Association, '92-'3; President McKinley Club, '92-'3; third honor in oratorical contest, '92; toastmaster annual dormitory dinner, and also of annual banquets, '91-'92; President Alcyone Literary Society, '91; anniversary declaimer, '92; contest declaimer, '93; class prophet.

declaimer, '93; class prophet.

July 1, 1895, he became city editor of the Chillicothe Daily News; 1895, elected to City Council and became member of the editorial staff Daily Gazette; 1896, Secretary to the Mayor and President of the City Council, which position he still holds, but will probably return to journalism, as he can't rub the printer's ink off his fingers. He has always had a predilection for journalism, having served his apprenticeship with all the papers of his adopted home, besides running an office and amateur paper of his own. Bro. Sears has made a special study of municipal law and government, and is now working for Master's degree in that department. He has secured several reforms in the affairs of his city, and will ultimately break into the Ohio Legislature.

Were we to be caught at another Beta Nu banquet without Boatman or Riggs, and had lost the manuscript of our "impromptu" speech, we would have no difficulty in arousing the enthusiasm of our audience though we could give utterance to but one word, and that would be—Sears! That sums up the hopes and aspirations of the chapter which proudly calls him "Dad;" it symbolizes all that is faithful, zealous and

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intelligent in a fraternity man!

His strength of character and his ability enable him to cope with the harsh side of life, where giants meet and only the fittest survive. Yet he is refined and gentle as a woman, and his heart pulses with a love of humanity which gives grandeur to his character and glory to his chapter and to his fraternity.

Let us close this with a quotation from a letter written by him May 24th last. It breathes the spirit which we worship, and is the sum total of all we have written in feeble tribute to our loved friend! Said he:

"What a regal, royal time it was we had at the Columbus Convention! The sweet memory of it has been growing upon me like the memory of a fairy tale learned in childhood. The tears and the laughter, the fellowship amounting to love, the love reaching to devotion, the devotion to sacrifice, have entered like golden threads of hope into the sombre woof of my life."

There—that's Sears!

C. E. W.





SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE, COLUMBIA, S. C .- JOHN W. FERGUSON, JR.

We have recently heard, through Bro. Ferguson, that Delta has given up all hopes of maintaining the chapter sub-rosa, and has been obliged to disband. Thus does this honored outpest of Sigma Nu go down with colors flying. Her roll contains the names of many excellent brothers, in whose hearts and memories their illustrious chapter will live long after the bones of its destroyers are bleaching in the back woods of the Old Palmetto State.—Ed. Delta.

#### LAMBDA.

WASHINGTON AND LEE, LEXINGTON. VA.-ALBERT W. WEBB

With some misgivings, indeed, and some slight fears for the future prospects of Lambda, our small band returned to the university early in September. Of last year's chapter only Whitside, Burr, Guthrie, Witz (J. L.) and Webb (A.) returned. As the chapter roll was called over our hearts were tinged with sorrow that Bros. Webb (T.), Connor, Cowan, Smith, Birch and Toole were not present to answer to their names. Bro. Connor has gone into the drug business at Dallas, Tex.; Birch is practicing law in Montgomery, Ala.: Toole is studying medicine at the University of Virginia; Smith is practicing law in Martinsville, Va.; Webb (T.) center on our crack football team of '96, is now at his home in Maryland, but will go to Seattle, Wash., in a short time to engage in engineering; Bro. Cowan, a tower of strength to our football team for the past four years, and our accomplished final ball president of '97, is now farming in Montgomery county, Va. Diplomas were freely scattered among us last June. We were prominent in every phase of college life.

The shadow which seemed to hang over us has vanished and we now present to the fraternity six men to work for the honor and glory of Sigma Nu and to help maintain her standard on the high pinnacle where it has been already planted. They are: Messrs. E. P. and T. A. Bledsoe, of Virginia; W. W. Keyser, of Missouri; W. L. Doolan and C. N. Roark, of Kentucky, and Sam P. Preston, of West Virginia, and with the assurance of more in the near future.

We have since the opening of the university greatly enjoyed visits from Bros. Ingles, '95; Cowan, '97; Witz (L.), '96; Martin, '95; Mason, '96, and Toole, '97, while tried and true Jack Carmichael, our delegate to the convention of '96, is spending a few days at his home here. Bro. John Carmichael, Alpha, '70, is spening his leave of absence in Lexington with his family and friends.

This year has witnessed great changes in our university. Gen. W. C. Lee has been forced by declining health to resign the arduous duties of President, and Hon. Wm. L. Wilson has been called to his place and was inaugurated on the 15th of September. Hon. H. St. George Tucker has been called to the chair left vacant by his father's death. Our losses have been great, but Washington and Lee will ever to the front.

Lambda sends kindest greetings to her sister chapters, and wishes them a year of unprecedented prosperity.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

B. H. Burr, C. W. Guthrie, A. W. Webb, W. W. Whitside, E. P. Bledsoe, T. A. Bledsoe, W. W. Keyser, S. P. Preston, W. L. Doolan, C. N. Roark.

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#### PSI.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL, N. C .- J. A. CALDWELL.

Psi began this year with seven members, the smallest number we have had for several years. The prospect for new men is not as encouraging as heretofore, owing to the restrictions passed by the Board of Trustees of the University, which precludes entrance into a fraternity until October of the sophomore year. The members who returned to the Hill this fall are: Bros. C. S. Carr, Henderson, Coker, Whitaker, Butler and Caldwell.

Bro. J. F. Webb, who was initiated here in '95, and has been teaching in Webb's School, Bellbuckle, Tenn., for the past two years, has again joined the ranks of Psi.

We have suffered a great blow in the loss of Bro. Joel D. Whitaker, the star player on the '95 and '96 football teams, and re-elected captain of this year's team. He left the 1st of October to enter the medical school at Orange, N. J. We predict a brilliant record for him on the athletic field as well as in his collegiate work.

Bro. Henry W. Butler left us about the same time for Raleigh to procure his license to practice law. So our membership has been reduced to five, with the prospect of a few new men.

Our illustrious Bro. Craige, who was graduated last June, and who lead his class for four years, is now principal of the Church High School at Salisbury, N. C.

Bro. William R. Webb, instructor in English last year, resigned to accept a position in his father's school at Bellbuckle, Tenn.

Bro. Kluttz and Bro. Fred L. Carr, '95, instructor in Latin, '95 and '96, will probably return in February to take law.

Bro. Henderson, by virtue of having made the highest grades in scholarship since his entrance in

college, has been elected president of the Alpha Theta Phi Society. This is an honorary society, corresponding to Phi Beta Kappa in the Northern colleges.

Bro. C. S. Carr, who is certainly the most popular man in college, ably represented our chapter as editor and business manager of the "Hellinean" last year. He is a member of Pi Sigma, Theta Nu Epsilon and "Ginghoul" respectively—fresh, sophomore, and junior secret social organizations. He is also a member of the Alpha Theta Phi.

Bro. F. H. Coker was representative to the Y.M.C. A. convention, which met in Knoxville last summer.

Our chapter, we must admit, is not in a very flourishing condition at present, but every member has put his shoulder to the wheel, and by faithful and persevering work we intend to carry forward the banner of S. N. to success and prosperity.

CHAPTER ROLL.

C. S. Carr, F. W. Coker, J. A. Caldwell, Arch Henderson, J. F. Webb.

#### BETA TAU.

NORTH CAROLINA A. AND M., BALEIGH, N. C.—CHAS. PEARSON, 22 PULLEN BLDG.

The college opened this year with a large crowd of new men and the best prospect for years.

Beta Tau returned three men—Lamb, Huggins and Wood—but these three know how to work, so we hope for a good year. The chapter has elected the following officers:

Worthy Commander, Chas. Pearson.

Lieutenant, F. C. Lamb.

Recorder, H. A. Huggins.

Treasurer, E. Wood, Jr.

Sentinel, F. C. Lamb.

Marshal, E. Wood, Jr.

Reporter, Chas. Pearson.

Bro. Pinner did not return, but will go to Pough-

keepsie for a business course; Bro. Wootten is at home on business; Bro. Bryan was obliged to leave college on account of his health, and is now at the North to recuperate. We have some good material in view and hope for a successful year.

CHAPTER ROLL.

H. A. Huggins, F. C. Lamb, Ed Wood, Jr.





UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA. ALA. -B. P. POWELL.

It is with feelings of anxiety that your humble scribe enters upon the duty of reporter for Theta chapter for this year—with feelings of anxiety not for the success of Theta for the coming year, but, realizing the duties attendant upon him as reporter, and having in mind the good work of his predecessor, Bro. Lee, he becomes anxious as to the success of his own work; and as Theta sends greetings to all her sister chapters, wishing them success for the coming year, the desire of the reporter is that it may be his good fortune to chronicle for her events of as successful a nature as have been mentioned by her former reporters for the last four years.

Our school opened on Wednesday, October 6th, with about one hundred new men, among whom were some very desirable fellows. Every frat began work at once and in earnest, and Theta is glad to say that she was very successful, as has ever been the case, in securing seven of the best men among the new ones present.

Upon these seven men our hungry old goat has been turned loose, and, having been instructed in the mysteries of "Sigma Nu," we present them to our brothers of the sister chapters.

The new men are as follows: J. Winn Blair, Clayton, Ala.; Edgar W. Hollingsworth, Claton, Ala.; Motier N. Eley, Union Springs, Ala.; Earle F. Moody, Dothan,

Ala.; William D. Hays, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Fernwood W. Mitchell, Gadsden, Ala.; Olin W. Sibert, Gadsden, Ala.

Messrs. Hays, Sibert, Mitchell and Moody entered the freshman class, and will make us good four-years men. Eley entered the sophomore class, and Blair and Hollingsworth the junior.

The following old men returned this year: Seniors, Flowers, Hope and Laslie; juniors, Altman, Powell, Raines and Stevens; sophomores, Gillis and Hester.

Theta suffered the loss of five men from the law department and three from the academic: Law Class—W. E. Andrews, now practicing law in Troy, Ala.; W.H. Ferguson, now engaged on the Birmingham Age-Herald; L. D. Gardner, now practicing law in Troy, Ala.; Daniel Snead, practicing law in Dothan, Ala.; J.T. Sturdevant, practicing law. Academic Department—V. Hugo Friedman, in business with his father in Tuscaloosa; Alto V. Lee, Jr., in business in Clayton, Ala.; R. H. Powell, first assistant in public school in Tuskegee, Ala.

Although our loss of old men has been very heavy this year, yet we are not discouraged, for, knowing the loyalty of each brother, and realizing the sacred bond between us, we hope to be very successful in every way, obtaining our share of all the honors, and give to Theta one of the most prosperous years of her history.

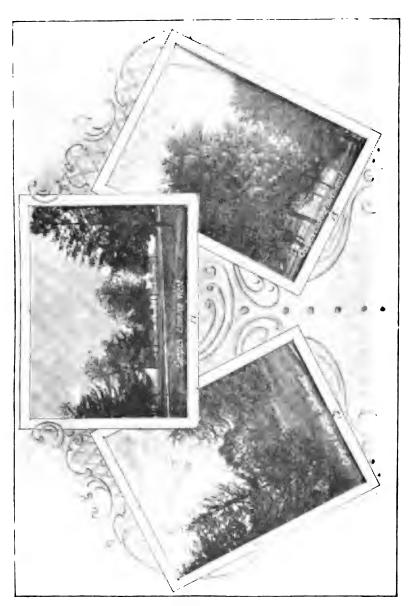
#### CHAPTER ROLL.

J. W. Altman, Walter Flowers, Malcolm Gillis, Wm. Hester, Vernon Hope, Corinne Laslie, B. P. Powell, Herron Rainer, T. L. Stevens, J. W. Blair, Motier M. Eley, W. D. Hays, F. W. Mitchell, E. F. Moody, O. W. Sibert, E. W. Hollingsworth.

POSTSCRIPT.—Since writing the above two events have happened which are worthy of notice. Bro.

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Altman, one of Theta's most enthusiastic and loyal members, has resigned college, much to the sorrow of his frat brothers and friends here.

It now becomes my sad duty to mention the death of Bro. P. W. White, of Montgomery, Ala,, who died of yellow fever in that city in October. Bro. White was a member of Theta chapter, and graduated with the class of 1891. He was only 26 years of age at the time of his death, and was a promising young lawyer, with flattering prospects before him. Bro. White had many friends, all of whom mourn his death. Theta chapter has lost one of her most loyal alumni.

# BETA THETA.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, AUBURN, ALA.-F W. HARE.

The Alabama Polytechnic Institute opened with three hundred students on the 15th of September. Among this number were: Bros. W. K. Armstrong, H. M. Fenn, B. O. Minge, J. P. Jones, J. H. Jones, M. C. Wright, W. D. Wells, C. W. Stevart and F. W. Hare.

Bros. P. G. Clark, W. H. Negus, E. S. Casey and B. L. Scott were lost by graduation, while Bros. H. F. Landman and M. H. Taylor have left college and gone to work.

Peyte Clark will attend Tulane University as soon as the quarantine is raised. He graduated here last year with first honors, and was captain of Company C, his company winning the prize for the best drilled company in the battalion. We have no doubt that Bro. Clark will have great success in Tulane, and also in after life.

Beta Theta has initiated five men this season, and they are all well worthy of our badge. They are: W. L. Anderson, Montgomery, Ala.; J. M. Steiner, Greenville, Ala.; E. H. Foy, J. E. Foy and J. D. Foy, Eufaula, Ala. These five boys are from the very best families in the State, and can count their Sigma Nu

relations by the tens.

With all our obligations for this year paid off, and fourteen congenial Sigs to upbuild the chapter, we expect to do some good work.

Our own alumni and members and alumni of other chapters have been very kind this year in writing us about good men who are coming to Auburn, and we wish to thank them through the Delta for their kindness. This is a very helpful practice, and every Sigma Nu who knows of any good man who intends entering college should let the chapter there know all about him, and thus save them a good deal of trouble and doubt about his social standing and general worthiness.

If all other chapters have been as successful as Beta Theta in getting true blue Sigma Nus, the fraternity is now, beyond all doubt, the leading one in the country.

## CHARTER ROLL.

W. K. Armstrong,	H. M. Fenn,	F. W. Hare,
J. H. Jones,	J. P. Jones,	B. O. Minge,
C. W. Stewart,	M. C. Wright,	W. L. Anderson,
J. D. Foy,	J. M. Steiner,	J. E. Foy, Jr.
•	E. H. Foy.	•

## UPSILON.

# UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN .-- A. E. AMERMAN.

Upsilon opened with prospects for a prosperous year in every way. All our affairs are in a good condition, and we look forward to a pleasant year together.

On October 24th we initiated three men—Messrs. G. H. Deaton, R. I. Davis and H. Booth—all of whom are fine fellows. In a short time we expect to initiate three or four more, making quite a good sized chapter.

Dengue fever has invaded our midst, and at the date of writing half the boys are down with it.

Upsilon sends greetings to all the chapters and wishes them a successful year.

CHAPTER ROLL.

A. E. Amerman, J. S. Simpkins, F. B. Barry, H. Booth. H. A. Shaw, R. I. Davis,

G. H. Deaton.

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN -W. G. DINNING.

Vanderbilt University opened on September 15th, and never before have the auspices been so favorable. The enrollment was far above what it ever has been before, and the interest in and pride for the university have increased throughout all the departments. A special demonstration of this was made on Vanderbilt Day at the Tennessee Centennial. More than one thousand loyal supporters of the "old gold and black" marched en masse to the auditorium, and they did not fail to paint the Centennial as only a lot of college men can.

Every Vanderbilter may justly feel a pride in the record that the '97 football team has made. Four games have been played, and the ball of the opposing team has never been well into our territory, and at no time has there been any probability of a score being made against it.

Sigma chapter began the year with eight men returned, but we were fortunate in our number being increased by the addition of four affiliates.

The affiliates are: Vaughn, Gilbert, Whittington and Collins. In addition to these we have made a valuable addition in our only initiate—Bro. L. R. Long—

who is a brother of our loyal frater, W. B. Long, not only by blood, but by the bonds that bind us all into one great brotherhood. Our new brother—"Long Long," as he is popularly called—is a man of sterling worth and of the highest sense of honor. He possesses a personal magnetism that draws all irresistibly to him. Sincerity and earnestness in the work for his fraternity are natural, and will not have to be acquired.

We think of the convocation of Sigs in Nashvilie on the 13th to the 15th of October as the most pleasant and profitable incident in our chapter's history. The mere mingling with the true and loyal Sigs gave us an inspiration never before experienced, and we feel better equipped for our fraternity work.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

J. Chiles,	H. J. Dailey,	W. G. Dinning,
U. P. Haw,	W. J. Howard,	W. B. Long,
L. R. Long,	R. G. Moore,	E. E. Straw.
	AFFILIATES.	
C. Whittington,	W. R. Vaughn,	T. H. Gilbert,
	— — Collins.	

## OMICRON.

## BETHEL COLLEGE, RUSSELLVILLE, KY .-- J. H. E. ROSAMOND.

Omicron opened with the following old men: Vardeman, McRee, Duvall, Rosamond, Clark, Bryan and Graves. Of this number Bros. Clark, Bryan and Graves are attending "Fuqua's Training School," but are always present at the meetings.

Up to this time we have initiated Henry R. and Joseph W. Stowe, both of whom are very fine fellows.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

F. B. Bryan,	R. R. Clark,	G. W. Duvall,
W. H. Graves,	J. L. McRee,	J.A.E. Rosamond,
C. B. Vardeman,	H. R. Stowe,	J. W. Stowe.

#### ZETA.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, RICHMOND, KY. -V. I. WITHERSPOON.

Central University opened on September 8th, with the addition of the department of law and oratory, the increased number of students furnishing a need for them.

Of the men who upheld the honor of Zeta last year, Bros. Duff, Little, Logan, McMakin, Pickles, Venable and Witherspoon returned this year. It was with sincere regret that we learned that Bros. Bell and Francis were among those who did not return to college. Day after day their names are mentioned and regret is expressed at their absence.

To our number we gladly welcomed Joseph Fleming Page, of Glasgow, Ky., an affiliate from Omicron. The men who have come to Zeta as affiliates have always been worthy of the emblem which they wore, and Bro. Page is no exception to this rule.

After a careful survey of the fraternity material in college we have initiated Cyrus C. Addams, Cynthiana, Ky.; Morton D. Alexander, Glasgow, Ky.; Roy P. Summers, Hiseville, Ky., and William S. Tucker, Stanton, Tenn.—all of whom we introduce to the fraternity with pride.

Although it is early in the scholastic year, we have received a number of honors of considerable importance. Bros. Pickels and Little, after a hard fight, were elected associate editors of the Atlantis, our monthly, and these same brothers are the representatives of their respective societies to the Intercollegiate Declamatory Union, of which Bro. Little is president. Bro. Witherspoon is one of the editors of the Central News, our weekly. Bro. Little is president of the Philalethean Society, and also captain of the artillery company, of which Bro. Venable is one of the gunners.

Much to our regret, Bro. Summers left here for another college, after being with us for only a few

weeks. Although we had known him such a short time, we had conceived the highest admiration for him.

Bros. Addams, Alexander, Duff, McMakin, Page and Tucker form a merry crowd who are living with Bro. Clarence E. Woods. They have made Bro. Woods' hospitable home a veritable chapter house, and have a very pleasant time together.

Bro. Charles Breck recently visited Richmond, and Zeta gave a very enjoyable dance in his honor. Although Bro. Breck has been out of college for ten years, he has lost none of his enthusiasm in fraternity matters.

Recently Central University met Washington and Lee on the gridiron at Lexington, Ky., and our boys who attended the game had the pleasure of meeting Bros. Webb and Burr, of Lambda, who were star players on the W. and L. team, and admirable young men,

Bro. Page represented Zeta at the Nashville Convention, and returned with glowing praises for all the Sigs, and especially for Bro. Fort and the boys of Sigma.

Our boys are active in all the branches of college life except football, which seems to have lost its former prestige here. We have started in for a year of hard work, and, by working together, feel confident that when Zeta is put to the test we will not be found wanting.

For the other fraternities here—Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta and Delta Kappa Epsilon—we have the highest regard and friendship, and are on pleasant terms with them all.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

C. C. Addams, M. D. Alexander, E. T. Duff,
T. H. Little, H. M. Logan, C. N. McMakin,
J. F. Page, T. H. Pickels, W. S. Tucker,
J. G. Venable, V. I. Witherspoon.



RHO.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA MO -A C. BUSH.

The frosts of November find the Missouri University in splendid condition. All the different organizations for the promotion of student activity in college affairs are hard at work. Athletes, orators, debaters, editors, musicians, society men and politicians all are contending for the best places in their different spheres, and in every one of these places of college life Sigma Nu is an active factor.

Strong chapters of Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha and Sigma Chi are maintained here, and Sigma Nu does not claim to have a walkover in the contest for honors or men; but we do claim that our chapter house, our long and unbroken record for strength and aggressiveness, our social standing, and the activity of our alumni, who are now scattered all over the State, give us a decided advantage over any other fraternity here.

Rutherford, Plowman, Dewey, McReynolds, Hall, Doyle and Bush were the members of last year's chapter who returned in September. Bro. F.G. Harris, '95, returned to enter senior law, and Bro. Robertson, of Beta Xi, came as a junior lawyer. With nine men we began the campaign in all confidence, and as a result can introduce seven new members, each of whom we can vouch for as worthy of the honor we bestowed upon him.

Our first initiate was Mr. J. L. Peak. He had

been in the academy at this place far two years, and was well known by all of the boys. It is a rule of the chapter not to use the pledging system, but Peak's initiation was a foregone conclusion last year, for his preference for S. N. was never doubted by ourselves or by the other fraternities. His initiation only serves to bring us closer together.

Mr. J. W. McReynolds was the second, and "little Mac" has already begun to show the qualities of his older brother, who, though only a sophomore, is one of the best fraternity men Rho chapter ever had.

When Bro. E. G. Pringle graduated last June a great gap was left in our midst—a gap which many despaired of ever being able to fill. Three-hundred-pound men are not numerous in Missouri, and it seemed that Rho would have to pull through the year without a heavy-weight; but when Mr. Oak Hunter stepped off the train to the Columbia platform watchful eyes sized him up as the very man needed. Our hearts warmed toward him, as did the hearts of several other fraternity men, but fortune smiled on Sigma Nu and he was installed in Pringle's chair. He has not yet had a chance to show if his mental abilities are equal to those of his cum laude predecessor, but we have reason to believe that they are of the same order.

The goat had so completely worn himself out in tussling with Hunter that it was more than a week before he was able to tackle another man, but then he was turned loose on Mr. J. H. Wooldridge, who had narrowly escaped two or three rival "billies." I introduce him as a student and a gentleman of whom all Sigma Nus may be proud.

Mr. Madison Schofield, a junior lawyer, was the next initiate. He is a man in years and experience, and his matured judgment adds weight and dignity to our councils.

Mr. B. N. Mosman, the sixth initiate, is an all-

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round man. He aspires to follow in the footsteps of his father, who is one of the most widely known lawyers in Missouri. The son is a football player, and is now captain of the second team. He would be playing in faster company if a spell of fever during the summer had not left him in a weakened condition.

Our last is Mr. Gibbony Houck. He has the distinction of having been spiked by every fraternity in town. He is a junior, an orator, a debater, and on the whole an ideal fraternity man. He represents his society in the oratorical contest soon to take place, and was one of her representatives in the intersociety debate held last week.

The chapter now numbers sixteen men, ten of whom live at the chapter house. This last named institution is proving a great success at the Missouri State University. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon has rented a house this year and is living on the same plan.

Three or four informal dances have been given in honor of our lady supporters. It is a fact on which we greatly pride ourselves that a majority of Columbia girls wear S. N. pins.

Honors are already coming our way. Dewey is manager of the football team, and is the busiest man in school just now. We have the president of the musical association and manager of the glee club. Two men are on the Independent staff; this is our only college paper this year.

Bro. Harris represents his society in the oratorical contest preliminary to the interstate contest. Houck was one of the representatives in an intersociety debate held last week.

The greatest harmony prevails in the chapter, and it is with much satisfaction that we look back over the work of the first two months of the school year.

## · CHAPTER ROLL.

A. C. Bush,	C. E. Dewey,	H. S. Doyse,
J. C. Hall,	J. L. Plowman,	Alvin Robertson,
H. H. Rutherford,	J. L. Peak,	S. O. Hunter,
J.W.McReynolds,	Al'n McReynolds,	J. H. Woolridge,
M. C. Schofield,		B. N. Mosman.
	Gibbony Houck.	

## BETA XL

## WM. JEWELL COLLEGE, LIBERTY, MO.-C. E. RENDLEN.

Wm. Jewell and Beta Xi again enter upon a year of work under the most auspicious circumstances, the student body being larger and our chapter stronger than ever before.

The fraternities were somewhat surprised on the morning of the opening of college by the announcement of our president that no student should become a member of a fraternity who had not reached the junior year. It was after deliberation that this decision was reached, and, while we would prefer that the sophomore year be included, we are confident that no injury was intended by our faculty. In making this announcement Dr. Green stated that it was not intended as a thrust at the fraternities, nor a step toward driving them from the institution, and that he did not want those who had opposed them to think that harm was intended, "for fraternities, so far as I know, are a good thing," and this ruling was both for the good of the fraternities and the college.

Our hopes and predictions of last year are fulfilled for this year. Beta Xi begins work under the most favorable conditions in her history. While we no longer have with us conservative Bailey, enthusiastic Coleman, or untiring and faithful Turnbaugh, to whose zeal and work alone our chapter owes its existence, for had it not been for this true Sig Beta Xi would doubtless be numbered with things that were, yet we profit

by the examples they have placed before us and strive to emulate such as they. Sigma Nu in W. J. C. is sure to succeed.

The following old men returned: Copeland, Creel, Burkhart, Fristoe, Hamilton, Pew, Porter, Rendlen and Spencer.

On the night of September 11th the following initiates were led through the portals of Greekdom into the mystic realms of Sigma Nu: G. D. Hancock, '98, Osceola, Mo.; W. Boyd Rhoades, '99, Slater, Mo.; Hugh O'Rourke, '93, Kansas City, Mo.

All three of these men were invited by different fraternities, but wisely chose to be numbered with the members of Sigma Nu. Bro. Hancock is president of the Philomathic Society, and is an excellent musician, while Bro. Rhoades, a cousin of Ralph Rhoades of this chapter, was June vice-president of the Philomathic Society, which is considered no small honor, and is vice-president and manager of the athletic association. From this the reader can see that Beta Xi is second to none.

Although early in the year, S. N. has captured the choicest "plums" thus far, and will receive her portion in the future. Bro. Creel is one of the editors of the college paper and college committeeman to the Missouri Oratorical Association. The vice-president and manager of the athletic association is a Sig, and prominent positions in the literary societies are held by our members.

Beta Xi regrets the misfortune of Beta Lambda and hopes that the faculty of Central will realize its mistake in suppressing this potent factor for good among its students and permit the chapter to be reinstated.

Bro. Dean, who intended to be with our chapter this year, is now confined to his home with typhoid fever, and doubtless will not be able to return to college this year.

Bro. "Rastus" Petty is now at Heidelberg University, Germany. We have heard from him, and great'ey enjoyed his letter relating the numerous experiences through which he has lately passed in a foreign land. The chapter also hears from Bros. Bailey and Turnbaugh, both of whom intend visiting our chapter this winter. Beta Xi is in close touch with many of its alumni, and we are strengthened by the encouraging words we receive from them.

We hope that elsewhere Sigma Nu has not been idle and that her efforts are being attended with abundant success.

Since writing the above Beta Xi has added several victories to her list of honors.

Mr. H. A. Shelton, of Slater, has been added to our number. Although invited by another fraternity, he cast his lot with Sigma Nu, and is indeed glad of his choice. We have pledged Huber Eaton and Graves Shull, the two most desirable under classmen in college. Hubert Eaton, who has been pledged to us for some time, is the son of the late Dr. Eaton, and last year won the academy declamatory medal. He will make an excellent fraternity man, and we were fortunate in gaining him. Mr. Shull was rushed by one of our rivals, and they had about succeeded in their efforts when Sigma Nu showed her hand and then the tide was turned, for he now wears our colors. Mr. Shull has in every way proven himself worthy of our fraternity, and will be "taken in" on reaching his junior year, he now being a sophomore. He is right half-back on the college eleven, and his work in this line has won for him an enviable reputation. He is one of the most popular "new" men in college. Bro. Shelton is right guard, and Bro. Porter again has his position as left half-back.

Bro. Creel has lately been elected one of the inter-

society debaters, a position of honor and an acknowledgment by his society of his ability.

Thus Beta Xi continues to prosper and S. N. to lead in W. J. C.

## CHARTER ROLL.

C. B. Burkhart,	J. R. Creel,	T. J. Copeland,
C. C. Fristoe,	F. D. Hamilton,	J. B. Pew,
W. E. Petty,	E. M. Porter,	C. E. Rendlen,
J. L. Spencer,	G. D. Hancock,	W. B. Rhoades,
H. P. O'Rourke,	W. A. Shelton.	

### NU.

# UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE, KAN.—GEO. GRIMES.

The University of Kansas opened on September 9th, with a good attendance.

Nu returned seven old men, and has received into its number Fred Roscoe Ellis, an affiliate from Beta Kappa.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

A. H. Noyes,	D. I. Maggard,	Geo. Upham,
Geo. Grimes,	J. C. Sanderson,	H. E. Steele,
Frank Weilup,	J. R. Ellis.	

## BETA MU.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, IOWA CITY, IOWA .- WALTER S. ANKENEY.

Beta Mu opens the year with very encouraging prospects. Ten undergraduate men are back, and we have three "fratres in facultate." Although we sorely miss our last year's seniors, three of whom were charter members, we trust we will be counted worthy to succeed to the many places of trust and honor in all the departments of university activity which our elder brothers so nobly filled.

We have already found a man whom Providence manifestly intended to be a Sigma Nu, and we gathered him into the fold without delay. Our new brother is Frederick H. Witt, of Ottawa, Ill., a junior law, whom destiny has marked out to be a second Palmeter. Of

the other desirable men just entering this university we have two pledged, and would not trade chances on the rest with any other chapter here.

We received our share of military honors last June, and one of our number has now been chosen president of the senior class in the medical department. Last spring one of our boys was defeated for editor-in-chief of the junior annual, because "the Sigma Nus had been running that annual for three years," and this fall, after the board chosen last spring had about gone to pieces, this same Sig was asked, by an almost unanimous vote of the class, to become editor-in-chief, and, after repeated requests, consented. So that of the four "Hawkeye" boards that have been chosen since our chapter was organized three have been headed by Sigs and the other by a barb, with a Sig as second in command.

The eight who left us for the cold barbarian world last June have found places for themselves as follows: Eli Grimes, state bacteriologist, Des Moines; J. Don Kiser, editorial staff Ott unwa Courier; Ed S. Smith, United States Geological Survey, Dakota; Roy A. Palmeter, practicing law, Clear Lake, Ia.; George Gibbs, mercantile business, Harlan, Ia.; Jas. A. Devitt, practicing law, Oskaloosa, Ia.; Burr C. Keeler and Chas. M. Thomas, practicing law in Mason City and Maquoketa, Ia., respectively.

Bros. Bond, Collins and Dwelle are not back this year, Collins having trouble with his eyes, and Dwelle having entered Northwestern.

Dewell, '96, and his father have started a bank at Maxwell, Ia.

Beta Mu can sympathize with Omicron, for we; too, have lost a brother and sterling Sigma Nu—Bro. E. B. Lodge, of Iowa City—who passed away in the early summer.

The university library was destroyed by fire last

June. A new one is being gathered as fast as the books can be placed rn the shelves.

# CHAPTER ROLL

W. S. Ankeney, E. F. Consigny, R. H. Dean, H. P. Engle, C. C. Hetzel, E. E. Hobby, T. W. Klingenburg, G. W. Koontz, C. W. Startsman, F. H. Witt, W. V. Eberhart,



PI.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA -RUSSELL M. CLARK.

Lehigh University opened on September 23d, and found Pi with only one active member, but with the assistance of our alumni the following have been initiated: Russell M. Clark, Bradford, Pa.; Frank B. Gearhart, Altoona, Pa.; Edwin P. Jump, Easton, Pa., and John J. Nolan, Carbondale, Pa. These men will all make good Sigs.

Pi has been greatly honored in the appointment of J. T. Callaghan, Jr., '93, as inspector of this division.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

F. B. Bell, R. M. Clark, F. B. Gearhart, E. P. Jump, J. J. Nolan.





## GAMMA ALPHA.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA, GA .-- S. A. BULLOCH.

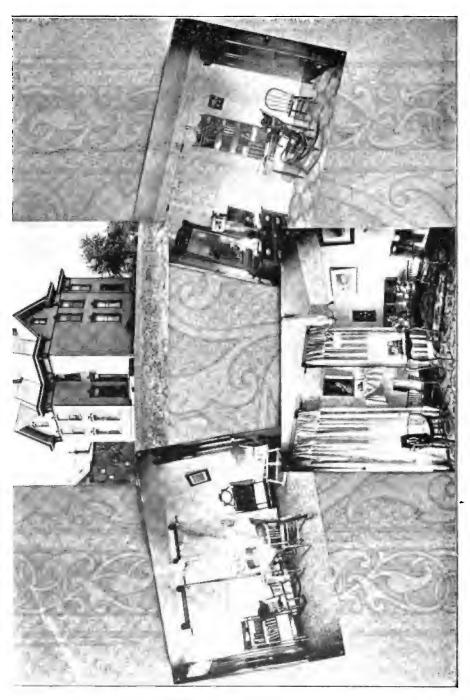
The Technological School of Georgia opened up the present year with the most flattering prospects in its history. There are at present over two hundred students enrolled and more are still coming in. As the future seems to brighten up for our institution so it does for Gamma Alpha.

We returned nine men this year and have one affiliate from Xi. Armed with these true and tried Sigs Gamma Alpha began her work with the new material. Already we have initiated four of the finest men that entered the Tech this year. And it is with the greatest pleasure that I now introduce to the Sig world Messrs. Frank Wright and James Gairdner, of Elberton, Ga., and Messrs. Hubert Simmons and Weldon Henley, of Jasper, Ga. Although these are new men, yet they have entered into the work with a vim and with the interest of Sigma Nu at heart. I cannot but predict a bright future for these new and most worthy Sigs.

Gamma Alpha is under many obligations to Xi for her representative, C. C. Betts, who is in our midst now. We most heartily welcome him, and at the same time regret the loss Xi has experienced.

It is quite early to speak of honors yet, but I mention a few that we have already secured, not to say anything about what we expect to do in the future. We have two representatives on the college paper, "The Georgia Tech." Bro. Robertson is editor of locals and

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Bro. Crawford is editor of athletics. Both of these men are also on the football team this season. We also have the vice-president of the college athletic association and treasurer of Phi Eta Sigma Literary Society. Some others that we have I will not mention at present.

Taking all things into consideration, I unhesitatingly say that we are on an equal footing with any frat at the Tech.

At present we have several men under consideration to see if they are worthy of the name of Sigma Nu, and we anticipate more work for the Sigma Nu goat before long.

We all are sorely grieved over the loss of the father of our beloved brother, James Gairdner. May the consoling power from above look upon him with tender mercy and kindness!

## CHAPTER ROLL.

Chas. C. Betts, Ashburn, Ga.

Chas. M. Binford, Bainbridge, Ga.

R. J. Binford, Bainbridge, Ga.

S. A. Bulloch, Ochlochnee, Ga.

J. C. Crawford, Gordon Springs, Ga.

James Gairdner, Elberton, Ga.

Weldon Henley, Jasper, Ga.

T. D. Killian, Atlanta, Ga.

A. J. Robertson, Jasper, Ga.

C. A. Rudolph, Gainesville, Ga.

H. L. Rudolph, Gainesville, Ga.

Hubert Simmons, Jasper, Ga.

R. T. Waller, Jr., Clarksville, Ga.

Frank Wright, Elberton, Ga.

#### KAPPA.

NORTH GEORGIA A. COLLEGE, DAHLONEGA, GA.—N. C. NAPIER, JR.

This college opened for the fall term on September 6th, and everything points to a most prosperous year for the college, and consequently for us.

Only four old men returned this fall, viz.: F. S. Price, H. L. Peacock, B. P. Gailiard, Jr., and B. G. Parks. N. C. Napier, Jr., Xi, 1900, affiliated with us. But there is plenty of frat timber in the college, and we intend to take advantage of it, as you will learn in the next letter from this chapter.

On the 26th inst. we moved into our new quarters, and to commemorate the event we initiated Bro. S. A. Harris, of Dahlonega, Ga., into the mystic rites of Sigma Nu. Bro. Harris is a solid young man, who has been doing splendid work in the freshman class, and Kappa feels justly proud of her first initiate for the term.

Kappa had the honor of furnishing the representative of this college at the Georgia intercollegiate contest. Bro. Gailiard was selected as the best speaker of the college, and, although he did not carry off the medal, still we are proud of the way in which he represented us.

We will make our next letter interesting, writing of the fine boys whom we expect soon to call brothers.

CHAPTER ROLL.

B. P. Gailiard, Jr., \*N. C. Napier, Jr., B. G. Parks, H. L. Peacock, F. S. Price, S. A. Harris.

#### MII.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GA .- HUGH H. WHITE.

I am glad to tell you that Mu is getting on well. We have initiated seven men—two freshmen, two sophomores, one junior and two lawyers. There are now fourteen men in the chapter, and we are still looking after some "barbs."

CHAPTER ROLL.

Alfred Akerman, Clem Akerman, J. B. Kendrick, T. H. McKey, \*W. G. Martin, W. H. White.

<sup>\*</sup>Affiliated from Xi.

<sup>\*</sup>Affiliate from Kappa.

## XI.

## EMORY COLLEGE, OXFORD, GA.-J. B. HOYL.

Old Emory never had a better opening in all her history, and the prospects of success in every department were never brighter.

The new library building of Tennessee marble, worth \$25,000, is nearly completed; the gymnasium has been refitted, and many improvements have been made. And, as the college rises in the scale, Xi chapter of Sigma Nu is keeping pace with her in prosperity.

Last year we rented the most elegant club rooms to be found, furnished them beautifully, paid up all dues, and to-day we are encumbered by no debt, and stand forth as a model chapter.

Ten old men returned, and Bro. Walter Ham, of Kappa, affiliated with us.

While the other frats were rushing the new men and making their solicitations Sigma Nu was not by any means asleep. This year the "spiking" has been hotter and of a more interesting character than at any previous time within the knowledge of the writer. All of the frats were wide awake, and a great many men were pledged before they entered.

We have initiated five new men: F. G. Rush, Apalachicola, Fla.; H. M. Reid, Bainbridge, Ga.; A. L. Singleton, Fort Valley, Ga.; J. B. Hoyl, Dawson, Ga., and I. A. Bush, Jr., Camilla, Ga. This gives us a total enrollment of sixteen men, all of whom are enthusiastic in the cause of Sigma Nu, and it is very probable that we will increase this number to twenty before many weeks.

Bro. Kemp came down from Atlanta at the opening of the term, and, although he made a short stay, he aided us greatly in "spiking," and aroused enthusiasm in every heart.

Bro. McAfee, of Smithville, Ga., has made quite a reputation during the past summer as a baseball

pitcher. He pitched not only in this State, but in Alabama and South Carolina, and he met with great favor everywhere he went. He has been elected captain of the sophomore team for the ensuing college year, and is considered the best ball player and all-round athlete in college.

Bro. C. I. Betts, who was with us last year, has affiliated with Gamma Alpha; and Bro. N. C. Napier. who has received the appointment to West Point, has gone to Dahlonega.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

C. L. Anderson, Decatur, Ga.

I. A. Bush, Jr., Camilla, Ga.

Ira J. Chandler, Decatur, Ga.

James B. Hoyl, Dawson, Ga.

Walter C. Ham, Gainesville, Ga.

T. S. Knight, Charlotte Harbor, Fla.

F. C. Moor, Tallahassee, Fla.

B. F. Mann, Conyers, Ga.

J. A. Mershon, Sharon, Ga.

W. F. McAfee, Smithville, Ga.

A. H. Odum, Appleton, Ga.

H. M. Reid, Bainbridge, Ga.

F. G. Rush, Apalachicola, Fla.

Asa L. Singleton, Fort Valley, Ga.

H. M. Wade, Columbus, Ga.

J. G. Wilson, Atlanta, Ga.





DE PAUW UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IND .- J. L. STOUT.

Beta Beta is in excellent condition, and during the long summer vacation the boys did not lose any of their old-time push and enthusiasm. Bros. Kling, Smith and Woodfield were the first to return, but it was not long until Bro. Conley's voice could be heard in the familiar salutation, "Hello, boys!"

We are fortunate in having with us this year one of our alumni, Bro. Spencer, who has returned to do postgraduate work. He is an ideal frat man, full of plans, and has the ability to execute them.

Bros. Harper and Dunlevey have been guests at the Sigma Nu house here this week. We are sorry to say that they will not be with us this year. They are great frat men, not only in our ranks, but in every line of college enterprise.

Bro. Wilkinson has entered at the Northwestern University this year. We are sorry that he could not be with Beta Beta this year.

We will not be represented on the football team this year. Bro. Beecher, who played so successfully last season, will not be in school this year.

Bro. Warring, who has been out of college for three years, has returned this year. During his long absence we can say he has lost none of his former fraternity spirit. We welcome him again into our active ranks.

Bro. Cadwell has been elected tutor in Greek. has also been promoted to first lieutenant in the military department.

Four of our pledged boys are in school this year. Bros. Hartsack and Read are seniors in the preparatory school. Bro. Van Alstyne is in the music school. Bro. Shoemaker, who has been out for two or three years, has returned. Bro. Anderson will finish his course in music this year.

Occasionally one of our alumni drops in. Bro. Maxwell comes to see us when he is passing through the city. We are glad to see him, for he always has a good word for Sigma Nu.

We can say of our alumni that they are loyal to Beta Beta, not only by word, but by deed also.

We have one new man this year—Mr. Longwell—who is possessed of the necessary elements to make a good Sigma Nu.

We gave our first reception for this year last Monday. I inclose clipping from Greencastle Banner-Times:

# "SIGMA NU RECEPTION.

"A generous college spirit of kindliness and good will among the students of De Pauw was promoted Monday by the afternoon reception at the Sigma Nu chapter house. Invitations had been given to all the fraternities, and the large attendance was proof sufficient of their acceptance. The young gentlemen were assisted in receiving by Miss Larrimore, Miss Burlingame, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Miss Yenn, Miss Jennie Armstrong, Alpha Phi; Miss Daniels, Miss Bernice Smith, Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Josephine Armstrong, Miss Blake, Phi Mu; Miss Jackson, Miss Cowger, Alpha Chi; Mrs. Cadwell and Mrs. Waring. Sigma Nu parlors were looking very bright and attractive in their new dress donned during the summer, and a bit of autumn had been captured in the woods and brought in bodily that art and nature might mingle together. From staircase, fire place, wall and window branches of autumn leaves flung out their signals of

red, green and yellow. They brought messages of wild, woodsy places, where nature is the teacher and where the student who loves her well reads from a larger book and hears secrets told only to the few. The black and gold and white of Sigma Nu was everywhere prominent, even in the cake in the dining room, but the favors held every fraternity color, bound with the college gold—a pretty way of typifying the good fellowship and loyalty of the students of old De Pauw."

# CHAPTER ROLL.

S. R. Anderson,	P. H. Conley,	A. B. Cadwell,
E. E. Kling,	C. S, Risley,	S. A. Shoemaker,
C. M. Smith,	J. L. Stout,	E. C. Waring.
	'O' T Wassell	•

# C. L. Woodfield.

# BEFA ZEFA. PURDUE UNIVERSITY, LAFAYETTE, IND.—A. A. PARKER.

Our midsummer Delta did not reach us until the frost was already on the pumpkin and the corn was in the shock: but in response to the call for chapter letters Beta Zeta hastens to send greetings to her sister chapters and the Delta, with her best wishes to all for a prosperous year. The opening of school finds us in excellent condition, financially and otherwise, and ready for a long season of work in the cause we all love. Sixteen old men returned.

With these enthusiastic Sigs as a nucleus, there is small wonder that we entered upon a very successful season of pledging. Not a man whom we considered desirable did we lose, and as a result of our labors we placed the black, white and gold upon: Messrs. Henry Bent, 1900; M. W. Prisilu, 1900; J. E. Slimp, 1901; F. J. Johnson, '99, and Edward Silk, '99. Of these all except Mr. Slimp were initiated on October 9th.

On the evening of October 1st we gave our first informal party of the year, and it proved a very enjoyable function. The usual program—dancing—was

indulged in until a late hour, when refreshments were served and pictures taken, and all departed, much pleased with the evening's entertainment. Lieutenant and Mrs. S. W. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mueller chaperoned.

Our parlors have been enriched by the addition of a very handsome engraving, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Mueller.

The chapter is represented upon Purdue's football team by Bro. Moore, captain and left half-back; Bro. Lee Johnston, sub. tackle, and Bro. Esterline, who is assisting in coaching the backs, he feeling that his days of usefulness on the gridiron are over, because of his injuries last year. Of the strength of the team it is perhaps too early to express any definite opinion. Although defeated by Oberlin, we are not wholly disheartened, and feel that the lesson we have learned will enable us to make a very creditable showing in the games that are to come.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

C. F. Bookwalter	, A. G. Byrns,
Ray Ewry,	John Fisk,
Lee Johnston,	W. M. Moore,
Austin A. Parker	r, Fred C. Robie,
Oliver Slimp,	J. J. Wiselogel,
Lee Wright,	Harry Bent,
F. G. Johnson,	J. E. Slimp,

J. W. Esterline, John Garrettson, Herbert Nulson, C. A. Simpson, Harry Wright, M. W. Prisilu, Edward Silk.

## BKTA ETA.

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA, BLOOMINGTON, IND .- W. T. KNOX.

Beta Eta sends greetings and words of cheer to the sister chapters of Sigma Nu. The enrollment at the university is larger than ever before, and a marked characteristic of the student body is an exceptional abundance of good fraternity material.

Of last year's chapter seven returned: Louis A. Holman, John McDermont, George W. Curtis, Noah W.

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A. H. WILSON, Beta Iota.



RALPH BROWN, Beta Iota.

Murphy, Rober's S. Ellison, Ernest Reed and W. T. Knox—seven as loyal and zealous Sigma Nus as ever lived.

The several fraternities here have showed the greatest activity and rivalry in the rushing and pledging of men. However, zeal and prudence go hand in hand with us, and we try to get men who will always be an honor and help to Sigma Nu. We have initiated three worthy men, and take the greatest pleasure in presenting Bros. Frank B. Thomas, of Winslow, Ind.; Clarence Fryer and Thomas Davis, both of Fort Wayne, Ind. Fred Hughes, of Bloomington, is now wearing the black, white and gold. All of these are good men, and we feel proud of our work so far.

Bro. Lawrence Mays, through junior law, '95, reentered the university this year, bringing his charming wife with him. We are all proud of our Sigma Nu sister.

Bro. Smith, of Beta Beta, is doing post-graduate work, and affiliates with our chapter.

One of the helpful and pleasant features at the beginning of this term was the visit of that loyal "Sig," Bro. George M. Cook. We miss Bro. Cook's helpful and inspiring influence this year.

The five-armed star is the brightest light in the fraternity circle here. The prospects ahead of us are very encouraging, and Beta Eta expects to do honor to Sigma Nu.

## CHARTER ROLL.

G. W. Curtis, Robert Ellison L. A. Holman, W. T. Knox, Lawrence Mays, John McDermont, N. W. Murphey, Ernst Reed, Thomas Davis, Clarence Fryer, F. B. Thomas.

## BREA UPSILON.

Beta Upsilon started in with five old men returning—Bros. Likert, Froehlich and Jumper, of '99; With-

erspoon and Richardson, of '00—and one pledged man—W. C. Appleton—who rode the "billy" two weeks ago.

We lost Bros. Meyer, Rypinski, Harvey and Kessler last June, and Beta Upsilon has greatly felt their absence.

Bro. Witherspoon, '00, has been highly honored by being elected editor-in-chief of the school paper, "The Technic," an honor never before held by any under class man.

Bro. Jumper was very successful in several athletic meets this summer, winning several medals, and is quarter-back, with Bro. Appleton, sub. guard, on the football team.

Bros. Jumper and Appleton were royally entertained by Beta Eta on the 2d of October, when Rose and I. U. met at Bloomington, and they had a most glorious time. Beta Eta entertained the team informally in the evening, and it was greatly enjoyed by all.

We have initiated C. B. Smyth, of Winnipeg, Can.; A. P. Stone, of Terre Haute, Ind., and Max Hammel, of Appleton, Wis., and have pledged Walter Stevens, of Dayton, Ohio.

Stone is right end on the team and is one of the best bicycle riders in the state, winning places in all of the state championship races this summer. He was class president last year. Smyth will probably be a leader of his class this year.

Indiana University played R. P. I. Saturday, October 18th, and Curtis, Davis and Stinchfield came over. We entertained the boys at the home of one of our loyal Sigma Nu girls that evening, and every one enjoyed it and we were greatly profited by their visit.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

George H. Likert, Fred H. Froelich, Frank J. Jumper, H. S. Richardson, W. C. Appleton, C. B. Smyth, A. P. Stone, T. D. Witherspoon, Jr. Google

#### BETA NU.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO .- G. A. ROBBINS.

Ohio State University opened on September 13th. Beta Nu returned six old men.

## CHAPTER ROLL

H. N. Heywood, W. T. Leonard, C. E. Beatty, G. A. Robbins, J. Q. Brown, E. S. Wertz.

## GAMMA GAMMA.

ALBION COLLEGE, ALBION, MICH.-L. O. DE CAMP.

Gamma Gamma begins the college year with flying colors. With eleven members and two pledged initiates we feel that we can meet the older fraternities in equal combat for new men. We have inaugurated a conservative policy in securing new men. We demand and will accept only first-class material. Men who possess that gravity from which "Newton might have deduced the law of gravitation" only are eligible to our ranks.

What our alumni are doing! Gerard T. Smith has been doing work in the Chicago University through vacation. Bro. Boys has returned to his home in Kansas, there to pursue his studies in law and economics. Bro. Brooks has joined the Michigan conference and received an appointment. Bro. R. E. Horton will soon go to New York, there to further prosecute his work in mechanics. Bros. Spencer and Corbin each have lucrative positions as teachers.

Walter Healy, who has been preaching the past year, is with us again this fall.

Our Bro. Folks spent his vacation with his brother in New York City. He returns to college filled with enthusiasm for the best interests of Sigma Nu. He is ever on the alert for that which will add to our strength or increase our glory in athletics, in society circles, or literary contests.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

Ralph W. Folks,	Chas. E. Boys,	L. O. De Camp,
H. F. Jacob,	H. L. Reynolds,	D. C. Young,
E. P. Lyons,	E. A. Steele,	P. R. Hungerford,
Louis Ranch,	Geo. H. Avann,	Walter Healey.

# BETA IOTA.

MT. UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE, OHIO .- A. H. WIISON.

We began the year with twelve men in school. Old "Billy" had become impatient during his vacation days, and as a result our number has been increased by the initiation of Bros. Heacock, Ormsby, Oesch, Butler, Denbrock and Smith and the pledging of Reninger and Magee. We are justly proud of these new comers and take great pride in presenting them to the general fraternity. Bro. Wilkins, Beta Iota's delegate to Nashville, came back to us filled with Sigma Nuism and unceasing in praises for the new brothers he found in Nashville. Every member of our chapter has derived much good from Bro. Wilkins' visit to the convention.

On October 15th and 16th Bro. Carnes, of Beta Nu, paid us a visit and assisted in the initiation of Bros. Oesch and Smith. Bro. Carnes is a jolly good fellow, and we were only sorry that he could not remain longer with us.

On November 5th Beta Iota held her regular term social. This event is looked forward to with much interest by all the boys. Bros. Myers, Armstrong and Bowland made up the committee in charge of same.

The social event of the season was held in college hall October 22d, when Remenyi made his appearance in this city. Prof. Brown, of the Conservatory of Music, proved a successful manager of the event.

So far this year we have enjoyed pleasant visits from Bros. Miller, '96; Marsh, '96; McQuilken, '99; Battles, '99; J. V. Orin, '94; D. G. Orin, '99; Downs, '99; Antram, '97; Armstrong, '97; Floyd, '97; Holtz,

'97; Oesch, '99, and Jones, '99.

Bro. Wilkins was chosen president of R. L. S. and represented that society as debater in their special session. Bro. Saigeon is critic of R. L. S. and secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Bro. Bowland is one of the editors on the "Dynamo," the college publication. Bro. Brown was R. L. S. soloist in special session and a member of the Republican quartette.

The chapter has taken quite an interest in athletics. Bro. Bowman is secretary of the athletic association and captain and end on the college eleven; Reninger is center; Oesch, guard; Denbrock, left half; Heacock, right half, and Wilson, quarter-back. The manager of the basket ball team and vice-president of the athletic association is also a Sigma Nu. Bro. Brown is guard on the basket ball team.

The "frat" house system has proved a successful innovation at Mt. Union, and Beta Iota boys would never be willing to give up their chapter house.

We have received letters of encouragement from Regent Robinson, Grand Recorder Woods and Inspector Junk, for which favors we feel deeply indebted.

We take this opportunity to extend our hearty-welcome to our newly established sister chapters and wish for them a most successful existence, which is ever possible in such a fraternity as Sigma Nu.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

W. F. Atterholt, Alliance, O.

D. M. Armstrong, Alliance, O.

W. E. Wilkins, Alliance, O.

C. L. Bowland, East Liverpool, O.

H. E. Weaver, Alliance, O.

J. M. McFarland, Alliance, O.

W. E. Myers, Alliance, O.

A. H. Denbrock, Orrville, O.

C. J. Bowman, Canton, O.

W. C. Heacock, Alliance, O.

- H. E. Oesch, Salem, O.
- F. R. Ormsby, North Jackson, O.
- G. H. Smith, Cleveland, O.
- R. D. Saigeon, Conneaut, O.
- T. B. Fletcher, Minerva, O.
- R. D. Magee, Harlem Springs, O.
- C. W. Reninger, Youngstown, O.
- R. M. Brown, Alliance, O.
- A. H. Wilson, Alliance, O.
- E. W. Butler, Zanesville, O.

### BETA PI.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.—R. L. PECK, 5744 MONBOR AVENUE.

At our last meeting Bro. R. L. Peck was elected reporter to succeed Bro. Sawyer. Bro. Peck is a senior, and one of the most active members of the editorial board of "The University of Chicago Weekly." Beta Pi is doing well this year. We have nine undergraduate members, and are about to initiate three of the best men in the university.

### DELTA THETA.

LOMBARD UNIVERSITY, GALESBURG, ILL -J. W. SLAUGHTER.

Lombard University resumed work this fall in a condition to accomplish more than ever before. On September 20th the new gymnasium—one of the most beautiful buildings of the kind in the West—was dedicated, Prof. Stagg, of the University of Chicago, and United States Senator Mason, of Illinois, delivering the addresses. The school has been improved in many ways, one of which is a complete reorganization of the musical department.

The following brothers of last year's chapter reported for work: Buchanan, Bullman, McCullough, Orton, Shields, Slaughter, Stacy, Tandberg, Watson and Taylor. Bro. Taylor is back this year for postgraduate work.

So far we have initiated: John D. Bartlett, Murray

T. Bruner, Edward R. Corning, Claude E. Dawson and Ralph T. Miller. We are proud of the quality of our new men. They are all graduates of high schools, some of them with highest honors. They were all "rushed" by the other fraternities, and are considered valuable acquisitions.

The social successes of Delta Theta are marked. The chapter has been entertained almost every week at the homes of friends in the city.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

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W. D. Buchanan,	J. J. Bullman,	E. J. McCullough,
C W. Orton,	B. G. Shields,	J. W. Slaughter,
B. F. Stacey,	Oluf Tandberg,	S. L. Taylor,
Earl Watson,	J, D. Bartlett,	M. T. Bruner,
E. R. Corning,	C. E. Dawson,	R. T. Miller.





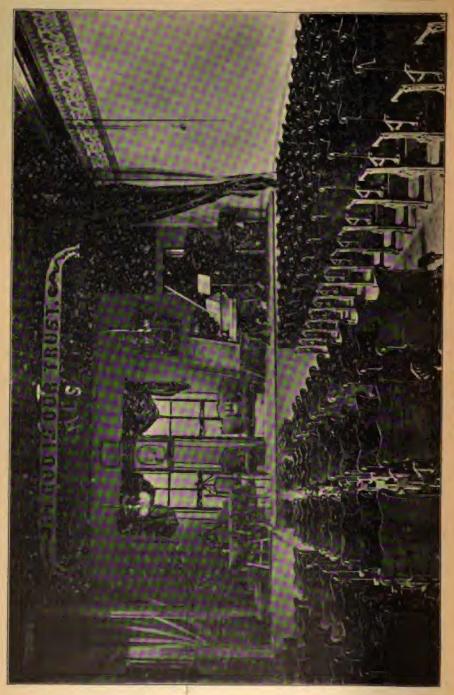
Leland Stanford, Jr., University, Palo alto, Cal.—I. J. Egan.

The university opened here on September 2d, with the largest and finest freshman class in her history. Were it not for this fact it would be hard to outline the future prospects of Beta Chi. When we left here at the close of last term for the summer's vacation it was with the idea that at least eight or nine of the old boys would return to take up again the cause of Sigma Nu. Unfortunately, however, the fates seemed against us, and one by one came letters bearing regrets of some of the boys at their inability to return. Bro. Yocum has entered either Columbia or Princeton (I have not been able to learn definitely which). Bro. Whitmire has entered Pennsylvania, and I sincerely hope that with Bro. Longwell, who was another member of Beta Chi, they will be able to infuse new life into Beta Rho. Bro. Clemans has entered a law firm in Iowa. Bro. Bone has gone into business in Illinois, and Bro. Anguiano was called to his home in Guatemala upon the breaking out of the revolution. These men we certainly thought would all return, and so it was with feelings of sorrow and regret that but four of us-Keesling, Rodgers, Plate and Egan-assembled once again to do and dare. How well we have succeeded may be learned from the fact that we now number fourteen, and expect to enroll at least one more under the banner of Sigma Nu before Christmas.

All of these are tried and true, and, although all

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are freshmen, they are capable and eager to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors in maintaining a strong chapter at Stanford.

Rushing was very keen here for the past six weeks, two fraternities, the Delta Tau Theta and Beta Theta Pi, having built new fraternity houses.

The fraternities here number twelve, with four societies, making sixteen in all. The individual membership is here given for this term: Zeta Psi, about 16; Phi Delta Theta, about 7; Phi Kappa Psi, about 15; Sigma Chi, about 10; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, about 17; Delta Tau Delta, 17; Beta Theta Pi, about 9; Chi Psi, about 5; Kappa Alpha, about 12; Delta Upsilon, about 17; Sigma Rho Eta (local), about 14; Sigma Nu, 12; Kappa Alpha Theta, 14; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 12; Pi Beta Phi, 3; Delta Gamma, 8,

From this list it will be seen that Sigma Nu, considering the manner in which we were handicapped, is able to hold her own with any fraternity here as to quality first, and quantity second. Our old historic rival, the Alpha Tau Omega, are practically dead here, having but one man in the university at the present time.

From the foregoing disconnected statement of facts it will be seen that we are still on top and progressing favorably, and with the following new men, whom we have initiated, we will continue to do so: Philip Wilson, Los Angeles, 1901, law; Howard Burmister, Prescott, Ariz., 1901, geology; Will Whitmire, San Jose, 1901, law; H. P. Beckley, Honolulu. H. I., 1901, law; Glenn D. Edmonds, Los Angeles, 1901, law; Frank Fogg, Tacoma, Wash., 1901, English; Harold Havens, Oakland, Cal., 1901, geology; Robert Field, Tacoma Wash., 1901; mechanical engineering.

Bro. Whitmire was temporary chairman of his class, of which Bro. Havens was elected permanent president. Bro. Wilson has been elected freshman repre-

sentative on the athletic committee. After a deadlock in the athletic committee Keesling was elected 'varsity baseball manager by a majority of 41 out of 700 votes east.

This is a prosperous year for the university; over 1,100 students are registered, the highest number ever reached.

Postscript.—We had the three star men of the freshman team, which on October 29th wiped up the earth with U. of C.—Beckley, I. e.; Wilson, h. b., and Burmister, f. b. All touchdowns were made by Sigma Nus. Barmister's kicking and line bucking has set the university wild with admiration of him; he plays the game much like "Fancy" Kennedy. We have two men in the mandolin club, both excellent players. Our house is one of the best furnished on the campus, and life there is charming. Robert Hale and Robert Lozier are our latest initiates, the latter a 32 of Mason and a Shriner.

### CHAPTER ROLL.

F. V. Keesling, H. R. Plate, W. C. Rodgers, H. P. Beckley, G. D. Edmonds, R. E. Field, Wm. Whitmire, Phil Wilson, Franklin Fogg, Harold Havens, Robert Lozier.

# GAMMA OHI.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASH -GUY H. ROBERTSON.

Gamma Chi received the DELTAS last week, and we are greatly satisfied.

In the Delta the request is made that all chapter letters be sent in by October 1st. We can't help it this time, but promise to do better in the future.

The University of Washington opened August 31st. Gamma Chi returns five men, and Bro. McManus expects to be back soon. We have several good men "on the string." Gamma Chi feels sort of lonesome

away up here, but we are going to stick to it.

Sigma Nu is the only fraternity represented in the University of Washington, with the exception of Kappa Sigma Delta, a local. At one time there was a chapter of Gamma Sigma, but I believe it is dead now.

As students the members of Gamma Chi have always taken an active part in student affairs, as is shown by the fact that Bro. Lindsay is captain of the football team and also business manager of the college paper, "The Pacific Wave." Bro. Coffman is football manager and a member of the students' evecutive committee. Bro. McGlinn is president of the freshman class and is on the 'varsity team. Your reporter is the assistant editor of "The Pacific Wave." Bro. Calhoun is searching for gold in the now famous Klondike, and from his last letter we judge that he has struck it rich. Bro. Andrews intends to enter the race for gold next year. Bro. Ostrom is in the sophomore year at Cooper's Medical Institute, San Francisco.

With the next letter I hope to give you the names of at least four new members.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

H. C. Coffman, Garfield McGlinn, J. J. Lindsay, Guy H. Robertson.

#### BETA PSI.

UNIAERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CAL.-J. E. BAIRD.

The University of California opened August 10th, with a good attendance.

At the opening of college Beta Psi found that fifteen old men had returned and were ready to win new laurels for Sigma Nu.

We have initiated up to this time four men: Frank Taylor, George C. Briggs, Perry H. Booth and Charles E. Anderson. We take pleasure in introducing them to the fraternity.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

J. R. Baird, R. E. Braden, Ernest Denicke, W. M. Dickie. H. C. Edwards, H. K. Fish, E. C. Hammer, C. E. Heise, J. B. McNab. H. W. Morgan, Jack O'Brien, Harry Rooney, F. P. Thomas, H. M. Webster, F. H. Taylor, C. E. Anderson. G. C. Briggs, P. H. Booth, Howard Squires.

ALL REPORTERS—Send chapter letters in by December 15th.





CONNOR.—E. C. Connor, of Lambda, is with Sanger Bros., Dallas, Texas.

PARTRIDGE.—Bro. John S. Partridge, an alumnus of Beta Psi, is winning fame as a story writer on the Pacific Coast.

Bro. Charles C. Weaver, of Greensboro, N. C., is attending Johns Hopkins University, in the history and politics department.

Bro. Ira Richardson, Beta Lambda, '96, is now principal of the public schools of Shelbyville, Mo. He still keeps up his interest in Sigma Nu.

Bro. I. I. Beinhower, Pi, '92, is located at Rutland, Vt. He joined at Lehigh the same year as did Ware, Merrill (W. S.), Petrikin, Jacobs, Walker and Reber.

HOLLINGSWORTH.—W.B. Hollingsworth, '96, remits for the DELTA, and mentions the fact that he has been elected Mayor of tde thriving city of Fayetteville, Ga.

CAMPE.—F. E. Campe, Delta Theta, was married in August to a Miss Gray, a popular young lady of Galesburg, Ill., where her husband is a prosperous Druggist.

Bro. John Carmichael, of Lambda, the first of the second generation of Sigma Nu, orders his Delta sent to Ansted, W. Va., care of the Gauley Mountain Coal Company.

McCrum.—Hugh W. McCrum, Lambda, attended the funeral of his father, J. T. McCrum, at Lexington, Va., last spring, but on account of poor health returned immediately to Arizona.

HOLLAND.—Bro. Will Holland, of Beta Xi, is now behind the counter of the Exchange Bank, of Ridgeway, Mo. He will be glad to divide his time with any Sig that happens his way.

George H. Carter, a leading member of Upsilon, is located at Marlin, Texas. Trust he will remember his interest in Sigma Nu, at least to the extent of joining our alumni list of Delta subscribers.

BICKHAM.—While at Nashville we were told that Bro. William Lindsay Bickham, who joined Lambda in '83, is the most ardent Sig in Texas, although out of college a dozen years. He is traveling for Crowder's Drug Company, of Dallas.

We are informed by Bro. A. Earl Ammerman, of Upsilon, that Bro. Mabry, of Alpha, has in his possession the first picture taken of Alpha. We have procured this picture for the DELTA as an interesting relic for the younger men to look at.

THOMAS.—"Charles C. Thomas, '92, of Waycross, Ga., one of the members of the present house, a pure Sig, holds the admiration of his fellow men, and I promise him one of the brightest men in Georgia." Thus writes Bro. W. B. Hollingsworth, of Mu.

FRIEDMAN.—Bro. Victor H. Friedman, Theta, '96, writes that he has lost none of his former interest in Sigma Nu, and that he never will. He is located at Tuscaloosa, Ala. May he never grow less enthusiastic than his good letter shows him to be now.

Bro. M. P. Frutchey, of Beta Pi, was present at the first meeting for the year of Gamma Alpha. The following brothers were there also: Graham, Kappa; Carr, Kappa; Hollingsworth, Mu; Stovall, Mu, '96; Hight, Xi, together with Bros. Jack Steward and "Billie" Kemp.

DAWES. - Bro. Hamilton M. Dawes, Rho, has

resigned his position as professor of English language and literature at the Peekskill Military Academy, Peekskill, N. Y., in order to take up his chosen profession—law. He will be succeeded by Bro. Rufus A. Vance, A. B., of old B. G., '93.

"I have discovered four Sigs here—Messrs. Mc-Clintock, Marshall, Myers and Ritchie—all of Pi. I have seen a good deal of the first two, who are bright fellows. and very successful in their professions." Thus writes J. L. Harrington from 5943 Alder street, Pittsburg, Pa., September 25th.

Ray S. Blinn, '94, of Beta Mu, writes from El Paso, Texas, for the addresses of brothers in or near that city or in Mexico. He recently met Bro. Pedro Horcasitas, of Beta Rho, who is now practicing medicine in Chihuahua, Mexico. Bro. Blinn's address is care of Kneezel, architect, El Paso, Texas.

HER NAME IS DELTA SIGMA CLARK.—Delta Sigma is the name of the little daughter that has come to brighten the home of our eminent vice regent, James Alvin Clark, of Clinton, Ill. The little cherub arrived in October, and received its name from the Alpha Xi Delta and the Sigma Nu fraternities, of which, respectively, the parents are members.

COOK.—One of the most enthusiastic Sigs in the world is jolly George M. Cook, who is now traveling attorney and collector for the Deering Harvester Company, of Chicago. He is located at Warsaw, Ind., and is planning for the largest attendance in the history of Sigma Nu gatherings upon the occasion of the convention of the Seventh Division at Bloomington, with Beta Eta, next spring. Watch Cook.

DAWES.—Hamilton M. Dawes, of Marshall, who graduated in '95, was here this week. He has been teaching English in a school at Peekskill, N.Y., for the past two years, but intends to enter the Columbia Law

School in New York City this fall. E.G. Pringle, class of '92, and C. C. H. Zillman, a graduate of several years ago, also intend to enter the Columbia Law School,—Columbia (Mo.) Herald, October 1st.

Bro. Harvey J. Myers, Nu, '94, is managing editor of the Western College Magazine, an intercollegiate publication issued from Temple Block, Kansas City. Mo.; price, \$1 per year, in advance. It is a monthly of great merit, and compares favorably in mechanical features with such magazines as Munsey's, McClure's and Scribner's. Unlike them, however, it appeals directly to college students, particularly in the central West. Send for sample copy.

GAINES.—Charles L. Gaines, a graduate of several years' standing, and end rush on the football eleven of '93, the first Tiger team that ever beat Kansas, was back to eee his friends last week. Mr. Gaines graduated from the law school at Vanderbilt after leaving M. S. U., and is now located for the practice of his profession at Shreveport, La. Fortunately he came to Missouri on a visit some time before the yellow fever broke out.—Columbia (Mo.) Herald, October 1st.

BARRON.—Bro. Jacob T. Barron, of Columbia, S. C., whose full-page picture appeared in our midsummer number, continues to climb the ladder of Masonry. Already the most worshipful grand master of South Carolina, he was elected grand steward of the general grand council, Royal and Select Masons of the United States, at the general grand chapter held at Baltimore October 11th. Thanks to Bro. Robertson for papers with lengthy accounts of the meeting. There were 1,200 delegates from every state in the Union.

SYLVESTER.—Writing from Riverside, Cal., Bro. Albert Hale Sylvester says: "Inclosed find postoffice order for one dollar, for which please send me the DELTA. It may interest you to know that I have

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obtained a permanent position on the United States Geological Survey, and recently had charge of primary triangulation in the state of Washington. I have seen Bro. Carl Clemans once during the summer, and was entertained by him and his charming young wife at their pretty home in Silverton with true Sigma Nu hospitality. Last winter and spring I spent at the University of Minnesota, doing some graduate work in mining. While in Chicago I visited our boys at the university there, and found them good fellows and in excellent shape for first-class work. The University of Washington is going through a very trying experience just now-one of those disgraceful fights between regents and president and governor that come to most state institutions. I have not heard how boys are weathering the storm. I am sure that the university will be a great one some day, a credit to this great state. I have not seen a DELTA for some time, but the last one I did see was a remarkably fine one. Allow me to congratulate you on your great success under the great difficulties with which you have labored."

BETA CHI PERSONALS.—Hugh Bone did not return this year; but he is engaged in business in Decatur, Ill....Joe Yocum entered Princeton or Columbia.... Clemans entered Iowa State University....Fred Whitmire went to Pennsylvania....Anguiano was called home to Guatemala to look after his father's interests during the present revolution in that republic.... Sprague was occupied in a large refinery, and Robinson and Jordan did not return. Thus Beta Chi returned only four men: Egan, Plate, Rodgers and Keesling. But, as the darkest hour is just before dawn, Beta Chi secured ten good men and is now as solid as the big trees of the Golden State.

Kansas City Sigs.—The brethren in Kansas City

are notified that there is in their midst one of the most excellent fellows in the South—Bro. C. Jack Steward. Treat him kindly—he was raised a pet—for any kindness shown him will meet with the appreciation of 600 Georgians! "Jack Steward left about the middle of the month for Kansas City to locate there, and I commend him most cordially to our western brethren. Language fails me, or else I would attempt to tell you of him. Sigma Nu in Georgia sustains an irreparable loss by his departure, but we know that wherever he is Sigma Nu holds first place." Thus writes W. L. Kemp.

RHO.—Three alumni of Rho are studying law in New York—Bros. Dawes, Evans and Pringle....Bro. J. F. Paxton was in Columbia before he started to Oklahoma, where he is professor of Latin and Greek in the Oklahoma University....Bros. Dawes and Gaines visited the chapter not long since, and their words of encouragement and reminiscence were an inspiration to us. Gaines, the whole-souled Southerner, is an ideal fraternity man, while the name of Dawes is familiar to every Sigma Nu....Of last year's graduates Bro. Mc-Neely is practicing law in St. Joseph, Mo.; Bro. Timmonds is running a newspaper at Lamar; Bro. Hunker is teaching school at Slater, Mo.; Murray is practicing law in Columbia; Gottschalk is on the artist staff of the Post-Dispatch at St. Louis, while Pringle and Evans are in the Columbia Law School, New York.

Inspector Fort's Good Fortune.—Delegates to the St. Louis Grand Chapter will recall with pleasure their meeting with that splendid Tennessean, Dr. Rufus E. Fort, inspector Division III, who beguiled us into holding a special convocation at Nashville this year—just to see the Centennial. This from the Nashville Sun of September 16th tells of his success in that city, where he is known and respected by all: "The long-deferred election of Superintendent of the City Hos-

pital occurred yesterday with the Board of Public Works, and Dr. R. E. Fort is the lucky aspirant. letter from Dr. Charles Brower was presented, which stated that his resignation had been in the hands of the board since last August. He had requested that it take effect September 1st, but at the solicitation of the board had remained until his successor was selected. The board then proceeded to the election of a Superintendent. The various parties who had made application or whose names had been recommended by friends are as follows: Drs. N. G. Tucker, C. D. Hanson, W. R. Sifford, J. R. Thompson, R. E. Fort, J. B. Neill and Crum Epler. Dr. Matt Buckner, who had been prominently mentioned for the place, withdrew from the race, as he was ineligible by reason of his being related to Councilman James Goodloe. Dr. Fort was elected on the first ballot, Messrs. Kennedy and Stainback voting for him. Mr. Beazley voted for Dr. C. D. Hanson. Dr. Fort was strongly recommended for the position by the leading physicians of the city. His petition bore the names of some members of the faculty of every medical college in the city. He was the recipient of congratulations from a host of friends yesterday, and has just cause to feel proud of his victory. Although a young man, Dr. Fort has a reputation which compares favorably with the oldest physicians and surgeons of the city. He was appointed prison physician by Governor Turney, and filled the position with credit for two years. He is about 27 years old, and is a son of the late Colonel E. A. Fort, of Robertson county, and is a graduate of the medical department of Vanderbilt and the University of Nashville, receiving his diploma in 1894. Before attending the medical college he was educated at the University of the South at Sewanee, and read medicine under Dr. Richard Douglas, of this city. After receiving his medical diploma Dr. Fort was with Dr. Douglas for a

year as an assistant, and since then he has been engaged for himself in the practice of his profession in this city. The selection of Dr. R. E. Fort to be Superintendent of the City Hospital will be received with gratification by the many friends of that very popular physician and gentleman. Dr. Fort was indorsed by individual members from all the medical college faculties in the city. He is eminently equipped for the duties which will devolve upon him."

LENERT & LOWREY.—This is a firm of Sigs, lawyers, at La Grange, Texas. Both are Lambda men, the latter an affiliate from Zeta.

HIGHT.—Emmett Hight, Xi, '96, is dealing in real estate at 41 North Broad street, Atlanta. He was a delegate to the Nashville convocation, and made a fine impression on the visitors.

CARMICHAEL.—Captain John Carmichael, Alpha, '70, has accepted a position with the Nicaragua Canal Company in Central America. He will leave in a few days for his new field of labor.

PACIFIC MATCHES.—Through Bro. Curtis we learn of the marriage of Bros. Gray, Rosenfield and Downing, of Beta Chi, and Bros. Hollis, Baker and A. B. Webster, of Beta Psi. Let us have the particulars.

Mocquot.—Charles Marie Mocquot was united in marriage, October 26th, to Miss Virgie Greer, of Paducah, Ky. The groom is a well-remembered Zeta man, and his uncle is a prominent candidate for Speaker of the Kentucky House.

DEWEY.—Manager Dewey is to be complimented upon his determination to get a square deal and the fearless stand he has taken to get it. He is right, and has the support of all Missourians. The Missouri football team is fortunate in having him to look after its interests.—Columbia Herald.

Belfield.—A. Miller Belfield, Beta Zeta, and one

of the best men who ever left Purdue University, has risen rapidly in law. His handsomely engraved cards read: "Patent and Corporation Law, 1264 Monadnock Building, Chicago." He is a member of our committee on jurisprudence, and has done his duty nobly.

LACKEY.—William G. Lackey, Zeta, '92, "Magna Cum Laude," is assistant general attorney of the M., K. & T. R. R., at Muskogee, Indian Territory. He is fortunate to be associated with a prince of Sigs, Guy L. V. Emerson, a Rho man. They are regular readers of the Delta, and have not missed an issue since their initiation, years ago.

DYER.—The following cable, October 14th, from Berlin is of interest to those who know Dr. Dyer. of Beta Phi, one of our prominent Louisiana Sigs: "The leprosy conference has appointed a commission of twenty, including Prof. Virchow as president and Dr. Dyer, of New Orleans, to prepare the way for an international leprosy society."

INCREASE IN THE HIGH COUNCIL.—In noticing the good fortune which so many of our brethren have had, the Grand Recorder failed to make mention in the last DELTA of the arrival at his home of a ten-pound daughter, born August 16th—Mamie Miller by name. She extends regards to the other new member of the High Council—Miss Delta Sigma Clark, born October 7th.

MURPHEY.—Clarence W. Murphey, who lately married Miss Grace Jordan, an acknowledged belle of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, writes thus: "Ever since I was married I have been running around over the country—first, on our wedding trip over Mexico; then over Florida; then over the Northwest; then, from June until now, over California, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, etc." We anticipated meeting our new sister at the Nashville convention, but Bro. Murphey's illness prevented.

Woods.—Mr. John G. Woods, Zeta, '84, super-intendent of mails in Louisville, whose attempted removal in violation of the civil service law has already been detailed in the Times, will bring suit in the United States court to test the legality of his removal. Mr. Woods was removed from his position and reduced to the rank of railroad postal clerk. John Woods was reared in Glasgow, and is a son of Dr. J. D. Woods, formerly of this place, and known and loved by all who know him.—Glasgow (Ky.) Times.

OFF FOR EURORE.—Rev. W. M. Walton, Alpha, '74, archdeacon of the Episcopal diocese of Georgia, will leave for New York, whenee he will sail Saturday for Europe. He goes to attend the great Pan-Anglican council soon to assemble in London. It will be one of the greatest religious c ongresses ever assembled Representative clergymen and laymen of the Episcopal church in all parts of the world will be present, and the proceedings of the body will be of rare interest. A large number of distinguished Episcopalians will go from this country, but Mr. Walton will probably be the only Georgian present. He will be accompanied by his wife.—Atlanta Constitution.

Reaves, of Beta, at Nashville, and the lofty estimate of him created in advance was fully justified. He is a capital young man, and we present this brief biography of our prominent frater: "Hart Reaves was born at the country estate of the Harts, at Hartsville, Tenn., April, 1874. After completing the courses at the common schools he went to the University of Virginia, where he became a Sigma Nu. He was secretary of a former Governor. By special act of the Legislature he was acting adjutant general of Tennessee, and he is now a member of the Governor's staff. He has taken part in every prominent social affair during the continuance of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. He is a member

of the Sons of Veterans and the University Club of Nashville, and stands high in the estimation of the citizens of the state."

WHITE.-Mr. J. R. White, of Glasgow, Ky., who applied for license to practice law at the beginning of the present term of the Barren Circuit Court, has stood a highly creditable examination touching his knowledge of the law, and has been recommended for license. "Bob" White, as his friends call him, is the son of Mr. Henry White, of Cave City, and is one of the brightest young men of the county. He is possessed of a splendid education and fine common sense, coupled with a large fund of general information and a natural legal mind, and starts into the practice of law with an exceedingly bright and prosperous future. His friendsand that means everybody who knows him-will watch his course at the bar with more than ordinary interest. -Glasgow News, November 26th. Bro. White joined Omicron in '95, and won the English medal in his freshman year for "best all-round English scholar."

BETA ZETA.—Bayard, '97, is with the First National Bank of Vincennes, Ind....Hodgins, who has been superintending the gravel excavation near Lafayette for the Brownell Improvement Company, has returned to Chicago....Earl Russell, '96, is with the Edison Electric Company, of Chicago....Spahr, '97, is on the engineering staff of the South Park Commissioners, Chicago....Schurmann is with the Van Camp Hardware Company, of Indianapolis.... Wygant, who affiliated with this chapter from Zeta last year, joined the regular army during the summer, and is already well up in the line of promotion. He is located at Fort Thomas, Ky., opposite Cincinnati.... Ray Ewry, holder of the world's record for the standing high and broad jumps, was to have competed in the recent athletic meet in New York as a representative of the C. A. A. Unfortunately he ruptured a blood vessel in his ankle while practicing, and was unable to go. The injury is not permanent.

Browder.-The marriage of Miss Merrie C. Gillum and Mr. Marion C. Browder was solemnized in Louisville in October at Calvary Episcopal church, the Rev. J. G. Minnegerode officiating. The ushers were Messrs. Ben Warfield, Walker E. Hines, W. C. Eagles and Daniel Breck. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Browder left for an eastern bridal trip. The bride is the handsome daughter of Mr. George P. Gillum, who was formerly connected with the office of the State Auditor at Frankfort, but who has been living in Louisville for the past year. Mr. Browder is the son of the Hon. William F. Browder, of Russellville, Kv., and is at present located at Florence, Ala., where he holds a position with the Louisville and Nashville road. joined Sigma Nu at the University of Virginia, afterward being graduated at Omicron, Bethel College, where his brother-William F.-also joined Sigma Nu. The latter still lives at Russellville, Ky., and is traveling freight agent of the Louisville and Nashville.

SIGS AT JOHNS HOPKINS.—The board of university studies at the Johns Hopkins University yesterday voted to recommend to the university trustees the names of forty advanced students fit to receive the degree of doctor of philosophy at the commencement on June 15th, says the Baltimore Sun of June 9th. Each of the students is already a graduate of some other institution or of the collegiate department of the university. He has followed at the university three or more years of special study in one principal subject and two subordinate ones, has written a satisfactory original thesis on some topic of his principal study, and has recently undergone rigid oral and written examinations. The names of the new Ph. D's, their alma maters, their residences and their subjects of study are as follows: Among the list are the following: John



REV. EARL D. HOLTZ, SEC'Y OF SUPERVISION, Presiding Elder of Canton District, M. E. Church.

McLaren McBride, Jr., Delta, '90, Blacksburg, Va. A. B., University of South Carolina, and A. M., 1893, fellow Johns Hopkins University, 1895–96, English, German and history. Franklin Story Conant, Delta, '89; Wellesley Hills, Mass., A. B., Williams College, 1893, fellow Johns Hopkins University, 1895–96, zoology, physiology and botany. Alas! Bro. Conant's usefulness and promising life was cut short by yellow fever, September 12th. (See notice elsewhere).

Brown.—[See engraving.] Ralph Morse Brown, of Beta Iota, has achieved considerable distinction at Mt. Union college, as the following will show: Class musician '98, first tenor college quartette, director college glee club, commencement day soloist, soloist Bachelor Club, Wagner-Liszt concert, representative M. U. C. at the Trumbull County Musical Institute, first tenor in R. L. S. quartette, winner in tennis on field day, member basket ball team, declaimer in R. L. S., special linesman in football contests, member Alliance Republican Club quartette.

McCutchen for Lieutenant Governor.-Mr. Harvey S. McCutchen, the brilliant young Russellville lawyerand accomplished gentleman, has purchased an interest in the Russellville (Ky.) Herald, and will be its editor, says the Louisville Post. It also has this concerning our esteemed brother: "Friends of the Hon. Harvey S. McCutchen, of this city, have quietly started a boom for that gentleman for lieutenant governor. Mr. McCutchen has not yet announced his candidacy, but it is known that he would not refuse the nomination if tendered him. He is one of the most prominent politicians in Southern Kentucky, and if he will consent to allow his friends to secure him the nomination he would at once take rank as a state leader. He has been prominently mentioned for the State Senate to succeed Senator Petrie, but he declined to become a candidate for that office. The fact that he was formerly an active

advocate of the single gold standard was held against him by some, but this has been more than overcome by his recent vigorous espousal of the cause of the silver Democrate, which party is largely in the majority in this section." It may be interesting to state that at the tender age of 13 Bro. McCutchen was an aide-de-camp on the staff of the Governor of Kentucky; that he was one of the brightest students that ever attended Bethel College, where he joined Omicron. He afterward founded Beta Omicron at Sewanee.

BATTLE.—A special, November 14th, says: "There occurred in Warrenton, Ga., on the evening of the 9th inst. a marriage in which the society people over the state will be much interested. It was the marriage of Miss Marie Allen, the beautiful and accomplished daugter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Allen, of Warrenton, to Mr. B. Lawrence Battle, Mu, '96. Owing to the recent severe illness of the bride's father, from which he has not entirely recovered, the marriage was quiet. though there were many invited guests. The handsome home of the bride's father was tastefully decorated with vines, palms, chrysanthemums and bride's roses, and during the ceremony the parlors were lighted by lamps, throwing a soft light over the rooms. The bride, Miss Marie, is known as one of the most beautiful and accomplished young ladies of the state. She has had many gentlemen admirers. She is a graduate of Wesleyan, and has a wide circle of young lady friends. She is the daugter of Mr. J. A. Allen, at one time the leading merchant of this section, and now the able cashier of the Bank of Warrenton. She never looked more beautiful than she did upon the occasion of her marriage. Her dress was tailor made, national blue, trimmed in silk and black braid and buttons to match. Her hat was blue, with velvet trimming, and white and gray birds and aigrettes. During the ceremony she held in her hand a large bunch of bride's roses and

maiden-hair ferns, and her attendants carried large white and yellow chrysanthemums. The groom is one of the leading young business men of the state. He has large capital and the ability to manage it. He is a graduate of Emory College and of the University of Georgia. The presents were numerous and costly and many from friends in distant parts of the state. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for an extended tour, and they will be absent for several weeks. On their return trip they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Witham at their lovely home on Peachtree in Atlanta, and will also visit Mr. and Mrs. McCord, on Spring street, Atlanta. These young people have the congratulations of hosts of admirers, and if their future is only as bright as their present prospects it will be bright indeed. On their return they will reside in Warrenton, where they will be at home to their friends."

WILSON.—[See engraving.] Albert Hughes Wilson, of Mt. Union college, Alliance, Ohio, is one of those fraternity men whom you hear about but seldom meet. He is a little wonder. Not content with making his chapter, Beta Iota, one of the strongest in Ohio, with a fine chapter house, he extends his usefulness to other chapters of Sigma Nu. As a result, many of our remote chapters feel the thrill of his fraternal spirit through his large and tireless correspondence. Bro. Wilson aspires to become the founder of a chapter in another Eastern college, and says "look out for it soon." He is studying for journalism, and is active in college work generally. He is secretary of the leading literary society, quarter-back on the college eleven, center field on the college nine, vice-president athletic association, manager of basket ball team, treasurer of sophomore class, and was a delegate to the Seventh Division convention at Columbus last May. leading article in this issue is from his pen, and for the

use of several illustrations in this Delta we have him to thank.

BETA PHI HONORED.—On Thursday night, the 17th inst., the accomplished young daughters of Governor Foster happily entertained the Sigma Nu fraternity. Upon this pleasant occasion the Misses Foster were assisted by Misses Parker and Towles. The mansion had been artistically decorated in white, gold and black—the colors of the fraternity. Their emblematic colors were also prominently displayed, even to the delicacies around the sumptuous board. Dancing to the delightful strains of appropriate music was one of the principal features of the occasion, which ran into the wee sma' nours of morn. The members of Sigma Nu present were: Carroll H. Newell, Ogden Fuqua, Lester Williams, Joe Young, W. C. Youngs, T. W. Lee, J. H. Arrighi, J. L. Muller, Donnie Arrighi, J.S. Washburne, T. L. Sherburne, Carroll Vance, W. M. Ledbetter, Allen Scholars and Fred Clairborne. The voung ladies present were: Miss Lyllvan Maurin of Donaldsonville, Katharin Doherty, Eleanor Garig, Maud Chambers, Sadie Young, Edna French of Natchez, Eva Parker of New Orleans, Alexina Wilson, Alice Towles of New Orleans, Belle Hart, Beatrice Jackson, Elise Jackson, Mattye Pugh of Donaldsonville, Bertie Smith, Lilburn Nicholson, Rose and Bessie Foster. Guests. not members of the association: Messrs. Ben Chamberlin, King Knox, Sam Lambert, Roger Swire, Wilmer Deval, John Cook, Willie Howell, Allen Crockett, Henry Reynaud and Dr. Vance.—Baton Rouge (La.) Bulletin. June 17th.

A Large Sigma Nu Wedding.—The Louisville (Ky.) Times, of October 7th, has a special dispatch from Russellville, Ky., giving in detail the circumstances of the brilliant nuptials of a prominent Sigma Nu, who was known as one of the leaders of our fraternity at Omicron, Bethel college: Last night the First

Baptist church was thronged with the best people of this city. The occasion was the marriage of Miss Margaret Keith Fuqua to Mr. A.T. Newman, of Sweetwater, Texas. Long before the hour for the ceremony the people began to arrive, and by 6:30 o'clock seats could not be obtained. Miss Florence Barclay, who was gracefully presiding at the organ, first heralded the approach of the bridal party by playing the beautiful bridal chorus from Lohengrin, and, as she played, into the church marched the choristers, all singing. There were thirty of the bride's young friends, and, as the glad notes of their song swelled forth, the church resounded with the triumphant echoes, which seemed to predict a life of roses, sunshine and lovely deeds for the young couple... The music now changed to the wedding march, as the ushers-Messrs. Roland Clark, Leslie Evans, Joe Briggs and Roy Clark-marched down the aisle of the church two by two. Then, behind, in the right aisle, came the fair bridesmaids, as beautiful a garland of rosebuds as ever graced a bridal bouquet. They were dressed in white Paris muslin trimmed in green velvet, and carried enormous chrysanthemums. They were: Misses Maude Fuqua, Catherine Griffith, A. Le May Caldwell, Pearl Shields and Mary Walker. They were met at the altar by the groomsmen: Messrs. E. T. Williams, of Clarksville; A. B. McCarty, of Mississippi; L. M. Walker, W. V. Perry and Horace V. Spooner, of Texas-ALL SIGMA Nus-and Murray Williams, an S. A. E., of Mississippi. Then, by herself, a vision of dainty loveliness, dressed all in sea green, came the maid of honor, Miss Lillian Duff Neal, of Louisville. As the music reached its grand climax the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, appeared just as Mr. Newman, accompanied by his brother, came in from the back of the church. Miss Fuqua's sparkling brunette beauty was set off by her costume of white Paris muslin over white silk, and

through the misty conventional veil her eyes shone with unusual beauty. As the young couple met the Rev. E. S. Alderman stepped forward, and, with the impressive Episcopal service, made them man and The wedding was strictly a white and green affair, and the church, with its decorations of palms and chrysanthemums and the scores of beautifully dressed women, has never looked one-half as lovely. The bride is the daughter of Prof. James H. Fuqua, one of the best known educators in the state. Newman was one of Russellville's most popular girls, and is a petite brunette of unusual beauty and intelligence. The groom, who is engaged in the banking business at Sweetwater, is the eldest son of J. F. Newman, a wealthy ranchman of that place. He is a graduate of Bethel college, and is quite prominent in the Greek world, being a foremost member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. Mr. and Mrs. Newman, accompanied by the best wishes of their numerous friends, left last night for their future home in Sweetwater. Their popularity was shown by the great number of handsome and costly presents of bronze, sterling silver, beautiful chinaware and exquisite cut glass sent them by their many admirers and well-wishers. Among the people from a distance who attended the wedding were: Mr. S. F. Ruth, of Boston; Dr. J. W. Walker, of Louisville, and a large number of relatives from Texas. Tuesday evening a reception was given the bridal party at the home of the bride. The house was prettily decorated and dainty refreshments were served. The souvenirs were beautiful little gold wish-bones tied with Sigma Nu colors.

RIGGS.—J. Robert Riggs, Zeta, is assistant principal of the Campbellsville (Ky.) High School. Last year he taught with Prof. J. Robert Boatman, Kingston, Ky., only seven miles from his alma mater, and was, therefore, often present at the meetings of Zeta, aiding by

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his wise counsel in her progress. For all-round excellence we have yet to meet his superior. We cannot better express our estimate of the man than by copying a tribute to his worth from the midsummer DELTA of '96, page 117, to-wit: "It is so true that those who are nearest us are the least appreciated or their merits less exto'led, that we pause to pay a tribute of regard to that dear brother, who has been at our elbow ever since we took up the duties of Grand Recorder in 1894. He has such a remarkable faculty for all kinds of fraternity work that there is no commission we would not trust him to perform; there is no duty of the dual office of editor of the DELTA and Grand Recorder with which he is not familiar, nor is there a phase of chapter work of which he is not a Past Master. With a spotless character, a warm heart, a strong body, a splendid mind, and in love with Sigma Nu, he brought to her altar a wealth of gifts, and has worn with modesty the wreaths which college fame has twined around his brow. pay to him the tribute of a grateful heart for all that he has done. The years that are to come will surely crown him with higher honors, but his successes in life will flush no cheek with greater satisfaction than ours, for we shall trace his career with a throbbing heart, for he is our friend, given under circumstances which only God controlled, and for whose honor we would answer with our own. We refer to James Robert Riggs, who was graduated at the head of his class at Central University, at Richmond, Ky., in June, 1896; was business manager of the Cream and Crimson; quarter-back on 'varsity eleven; best gymnast in college; president Philalethean Society; eminent commander of Zeta chapter of Sigma Nu, etc., etc."

HARRY L. MAXWELL, BETA BETA, '92, SIGMA NU'S SINGER.—"Like Plato, young; like Aristides, just; like rigid Cincinnatus, nobly poor; a dauntless soul erect, who fears not death." How beautiful is the thought,

and how consoling is it, to know that we are esteemed and respected by others. Even a superficial, shallow and momentary greatness that calls forth this esteem and respect is to be commended; but how much greater is the joy, and how much deeper is our self-respect, when we are assured that our greatness is not ephemeral, but is pure, genuine and abiding. A fraternity's greatness springs from the character and worth of its members, and upon the genuineness of their ability depends the intensity and scope of its reputation. Sigma Nu, during her short life, has been blessed by securing more than her share of men who are destined to become great, and, departing, leave behind them "footprints on the sands of time." Standing out among this number, and without a peer in his line, is an enthusiastic brother, the subject of this sketch. Harry L. Maxwell was born at Crawfordsville, Ind., June 29, 1866. He was the youngest of five children, and received the rich inheritance of being reared in a Christian home. mother was a woman of rare talent, possessing a sweet and musical voice, and it was from her that her youngest son inherits much of his musical ability. "Poor," yet "dauntless," "young," yet "just," and filled with a determination to make the most of life, he started, after finishing his public school education, at the age of sixteen, to make his own way in the world. Four years were now spent at a time in life when outdoor exercise was most needed to develop a strong physique and a sturdy constitution. In September of 1886 he entered De Pauw University for the purpose of educating himself for the ministry. With but little means, he was compelled while in college to earn money to defray his expenses, and this he did largely by selling books. Shortly after entering college it was discovered that he possessed a voice of rare quality, range and sweetness. In the latter part of 1887 he helped organize the De Pauw Quartet, in which he sang





INTERIOR VIEW OF CONSERVATORY OF NUSIC, MT. UNION COLLEGE.

as first tenor until he graduated from the university in 1892. After graduating he went to Chicago in order to further his musical education, and there the superiority of his voice at once demanded recognition and secured for him lucrative positions. While there he was first tenor in the Linden Male Quartet; was soloist and choir leader at Oakland M. E. church (of which Dr. Swift was pastor), and also had charge of the Musical Era Chapel Mission, composed of sixteen hundred chil-His principal voice study was with B. Bicknel Young. He left Chicago in September, 1893, for a five weeks' engagement with Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, at Springfield, Mo., and Detroit, Mich. In December, 1893, he joined the Rev. Henry Ostrom, of Milwaukee, with whom he was associated two years, with the exception of two months-July and August, 1894when he was the assistant of Dr. E. D. Huntley, at Milwaukee, Wis. In October, 1895, he was engaged by B. Fay Mills to sing at Louisville, Ky., and Columbus, Since his engagement with Mr. Mills Ohio. accepted some of the numerous calls received by him from the most prominent pastors of the United States, and has devoted his time helping them, independent of an evangelist, and his work has been rewarded by untold success. This article would be incomplete if we did not mention that most angelic of women, Grace Beck Maxwell, to whom Harry was married in June, 1894. She is a great inspiration to him in his work, and it can be truly said that if two people were ever in love with each other these two are. She is a talented woman, and possesses a beautiful voice that is especially suited to that of her husband. Her assistance to him is very great indeed, for she has combined in a high degree the qualities of a singer, organist and Christian worker. Space will not permit me giving many of the splendid and numerous notices that Mr. Maxwell has received from the newspapers and from

those with whom he has been associated, but I cannot refrain from giving here two or three, in order that you may see in what esteem he is held by all who know What B. Fay Mills says: "Mr. Harry L. Maxwell has been assisting me as a musical director and soloist for the past two months. He is a very fine leader, and has a voice that is exceedingly beautiful and almost phenomenal in its range and power. He could hardly help but render effective service in connection with the work of a pastor or evangelist." What Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman says, June 13, 1895: "There is no man in the world I would rather have than yourself." What Rev. Henry Ostrom says, December 26, 1895: "Mr. Harry L. Maxwell, of Greencastle, Ind., has a voice of great compass and of rare purity. His singing is very attractive to the people generally, and he is a vigorous toiler. He has also attained to considerable proficiency in interpreting the authors of the songs he sings." The New York Sun, March, 1896, says: "Mr. Harry Maxwell has a rich tenor voice and is a trained chorus leader. He sings with the 'spirit and understanding.' The gospel words of many of his songs are lodged in the memory of thousands by the power of his rendering, and cannot be forgotten. Mr. Maxwell left Chicago in 1895 to go into evangelistic work with Dr. Chapman. He is considered a superior leader and trainer in chorus work. He has hosts of friends in the West, and is making many new ones here." His ability as a singer is universally recognized by all who have heard him. It is his ambition to place gospel singing upon a higher plane, and he has doubtless already done much to accomplish this result. The Sigma Nu Fraternity, for which he did much while in college, is proud of him, and wishes him all the success that his great work and laudable ambition entitle him to receive.—HARRY P. JUNK, Beta Nu.

SPENCER.—"I meet a great many Sigma Nus over the country, and they are lovely fellows, as a rule. I have been permitted to visit a good many of the chapters, and the boys always entertain royally. Believe me, I am always interested in the prosperity of the fraternity, and will try to help in other ways besides words. Our boys at Greencastle, Ind., have a great chapter, and are getting a very strong hold in the college. Spencer has been a great help to them, and just what they needed. Somehow, when we are in the line of duty, the needed help presents itself. Ever yours in song.—HARRY L. MAXWELL."

LAUVE.—N. O. Lauve, Upsilon, '96, is at the University of Pennsylvania, and will be glad to hear from any brothers interested in the revival of Beta Rho. His address is 3413 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

BURR AND WEBB.—These brothers from Washington and Lee are leading members of the 'varsity eleven which lately beat Central University, 18-0. The game occurred in Lexington, Ky., and Addams and Venable, of Zeta, went over as a committee to invite Bros. B. and W. to visit Zeta while in Kentucky. Their inability to come occasioned much regret.

JIGGITTS.—"Miss Mary Tupper Powell, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Robert Powell, was married to Dr. James Robinson Jiggitts, Thursday, November 11, 1897, at Grace church, Canton, Miss. Bro. Jiggitts, Phi, '88, was the delegate of the petitioners of the Louisiana State University, to the Birmingham Sigma Nu Grand Chapter of '87, where his intelligence and attractive personality aided him in overcoming serious opposition and securing the desired charter. Upon the organization of the chapter he was unanimously elected as her first Commander. He was graduated at the Louisiana State University in 1888 as senior captain of the cadet corps and valedictorian of his class. Subse-

quently he entered the medical college of Tulane University, won the position of resident student in the Charity Hospital by competitive examination, and was graduated with honor two years later. Upon graduation Dr. Jiggitts located in Canton, Miss., where he has built up an extensive practice. The father of the bride, Judge Powell, is one of the most prominent jurists of the state, and his daughter is one of the most attractive and accomplished young ladies in the South." Thus writes Grand Treasurer Furnam, November 23d.

CLARK.—Our Eminent Vice Regent continues to win favor with the people of his adopted home, as is shown by the Clinton (Ill.) Register of October 22d, which prints his picture and a two-column write-up, which concludes as follows: "At its annual meeting, October 1st, the parish decided unanimously to continue the present pastor in his position another year, beginning January 1, 1898. Rev. Clark is well pleased with Clinton and his membership, and has the hearty co-operation of the church. He is one of the most sociable of men, and, though he came to Clinton a year ago a stranger, there are few who are personally acquainted with more persons. His acquaintance is not transient or selected. Like a true Christian he is anxious to meet every one. richor poor, and remembers those whom he meets. Since coming to Clinton his church has had a steady growth, and he has developed strength as a minister. Though this was his first charge, he began the work like one experienced, and has surprised his church by the able manner in which he has presided over the parish, the members of which are convinced no mistake was made in the selection of a pastor."





BROTHER HINDS HOLMES.

HALL OF PHI CHAPTER, SIGMA NU FRATERNITY, BATON ROUGE, LA., Feb 19, '97.

WHEREAS, on the 12th of February, 1897, the Almighty, in His wisdom, saw fit to take from our midst our beloved brother, Hinds Holmes; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. We, the members of Phi Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity, recognize that in the death of Bro. Holmes we lose a most zealous brother, and feel deeply his loss.

- 2. That we extend to his parents our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.
- 3. That the badges of the chapter be draped for a period of fifteen days.
- 4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his parents.
- 5. That a copy be spread on the minutes of the chapter, and copies be sent to the Reveille and the DELTA.

  J. L. MULLER,

J. H. ARRIGHI, Committee.

# BROTHER WILLIAM SPARKS CAVITT.

WHEREAS, In the death of Bro. William Sparks Cavitt, of Wheelock, Texas, the Almighty has seen fit to deprive us of one of our most faithful, loyal and esteemed brothers; be it

Resolved, 1. That, in the death of Bro. Cavitt, Lambda Chapter and the fraternity loses one of its most useful

members, whose counsel and work will be greatly missed.

- 2. That our sincerest sympathy is extended to his bereaved relatives in their great loss.
- 3. That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the minutes, and one sent to the Delta of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. A. C. BIRCH,

J. R. K. COWAN, Committee. E. C. CONNOR,

# BROTHER WILLIAM LEANDER WEBSTER.

WHEREAS, It has been the will of God to remove from this earth our friend and brother, William Leander Webster; and

WHEREAS, He was a brother honored and esteemed by all Sigma Nus; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, his brothers in Beta Chi Chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, do mourn his death as a loss to the fraternity and to his friends, and that we, regarding this great loss to his bereaved relatives, do extend our sympathy to them in this their great bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be transcribed in the proper record book of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, and a copy thereof be sent to the family of our brother, and a copy be sent to the Delta, our official magazine, for the notification of all brethren in Sigma Nu of this our sad loss.

FRANK V. KEESLING, FRED AUSTIN WHITMIRE, Committee,

# BROTHER WALTER E. FAISON.

Hon. Walter E. Faison, Alpha chapter, '74, ex-Solicitor of the State Department at Washington, died September 22d at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. J. E. Mathews, in Wilmington, N. C., aged forty-two years.

Says a Washington dispatch: "The announcement

of the death yesterday at his home in Wilmington, N. C., of Walter E. Faison, former Solicitor of the Department of State, was received with deep sorrow by one and all of his late associates in the State Depart-Mr. Faison's record as an official was a bright one, and up to the date of his retirement, last spring, was pointed out as a triumph of the fullest application of the civil service reform principle. He was appointed in 1886 from North Carolina, after a competitive examination, to a \$1,200 clerkship in the consular bureau. His promotion was rapid, and Secretary Gresham made him chief of that bureau, which he administered with signal ability. Upon the resignation of Solicitor Dabney, Mr. Faison was promptly installed in the Solicitor's office by Secretary Olney, who had a keen appreciation of his legal abilities."

## BROTHER W. L. WEBSTER.

Through Bro. Marvin Curtis we are informed of the death of Bro. W. L. Webster, of Beta Chi, '93. The Oakland (Cal.) Leader says:

"The death of Prof. W. L. Webster, which occurred last Sunday at San Jose, caused many a sad heart in Oakdale, where our citizens had learned to more than honor and respect him. Wr. Webster was three terms principal of our high school. He directed the institution with rare ability and judgment, and, had not death plucked him from us, not many years would have elapsed before he would have taken rank among the leading educators of the coast. He graduated from Stanford University with high honors and stepped at once into a position of responsibility, the duties of which he discharged in a manner befitting one of a lifetime of experience. He was a man of grand character, and one of God's best specimens. California has lost one of her noblest and most brilliant sons."

# BROTHER HOWE TAYLOR CROCKETT.

Howe Taylor Crockett died at Wilmore, Ky., November 25, 1897, aged twenty-three years eight months and nineteen days. He was the eldest child of Dr. H. S. and Minnie H. Crockett, and joined Sigma Nu at Zeta, Central University, October 1, 1892. He was a brother of Kent Crockett, who joined Zeta in 1895. His burial took place in Nicholasville, whither four members of Zeta chapter went to pay their respects to the deceased brother. Those who attended were: E. T. Duff, C. N. McMakin, Joseph Venable and T. Hood Little. The badges of Zeta will be worn draped for thirty days. Bro. Crockett was, while in college, a favorite with his fraternity brethren, and when he went out into the world he made friends with astonishing rapidity. He was of distinguished ancestry, the Kents and the Crocketts being among the pioneers of Virginia and prominent in the colonial history of the state. His death was a hard blow to his family and friends, and the fraternity of Sigma Nu has lost a member upon whom it confidently relied to achieve an honored name in the greater affairs of life.

# BROTHER FRANKLIN STOREY CONANT.

The fraternity has rarely been called upon to mourn a sadder death than that of Franklin Storey Conant, an alumnus of Delta, who died at Boston, September 15th, under peculiar circumstances. We thank Regent Robinson for this Boston special to the Baltimore Sun, of September 16th:

"Mr. Conant had been at the Johns Hopkins biological station on the Island of Jamaica. The expedition to the station, which started early last June, was in charge of Prof. Humphreys, who died on the island.

"When the Belvidere arrived here Mr. Conant was sick, but he was allowed to land. It was not until a few hours before his death that the suspicions of the THE NEW YORK
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"Dr. Samuel H. Durgin, chairman of the Boston Board of Health, says an autopsy was held on the body, but that no evidence of yellow fever was found.

"Mr. Conant was twenty-seven years old. While in Baltimore, pursuing his studies at the university, he lived on West Lanvale street. He was graduated from Williams College with the degree of A. B. in 1893, and in 1895-6 held a Johns Hopkins fellowship, which he retained last year by courtesy. Mr. Conant took the degree of Ph. D. last June, and was appointed to the Bruce fellowship in biology at the university for the ensuing year. He was a member of the Johns Hopkins Y. M. C. A. and the Graduate Students' Association.

"A permanent memorial is being secured to commemorate the character and services of Prof. J. E. Humphreys and Dr. F. S. Conant, who died on the expedition of the Johns Hopkins biologists to Jamaica during the summer. A memorial meeting was held at the university Sunday, at which President Gilman presided. Loving words were spoken in appreciation of the dead scientists by Dr. W. H. Brooks. Dr. Randolph Barton and Prof. Howell."

The Sun of November 16th said: "The designs for the memorial tablets which will be erected at the Johns Hopkins University by the colleagues of Prof. James Ellis Humphreys and Dr. Franklin Storey Conant, who died last summer from fever contracted in Jamaica on a biological expedition, have been received. The largest design, and the one which will probably be accepted, reads as follows: 'In memory of two devoted naturalists, who gave their lives in the interest of science—James Ellis Humphreys, associate professor of botany in the university, who died in Jamaica, August 17, 1897, at the age of thirty-six years, and Franklin Storey Conant, Brucefellow in this university,

who died in Boston, September 13, 1897, of illness contracted in Jamaica, at the age of twenty-seven years.' At the bottom of the design is this inscription: 'The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge.'"

Deceased was a brother of that splendid frater, Walter A. Conant, also of Delta, '86, to whom is extended the sympathy of our united brotherhood.



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CLARENCE E. WOODS, Editor and Publisher, Richmond, Kentucky.

ON December 3d the Sub Rosa, or Secret Edition of the Delta, was mailed to the chapters and alumni subscribers. It is No. 1 of Vol. 15. This is the second number of Vol. 15. The third number will appear early in the new year. Chapter letters should be sent in upon receipt of this notice.

THE only news ever received concerning the convention of the chapters of the Fourth Division was caught on the fly from the Fayette (Mo.) Leader last summer. It said: "The Fourth District Conference of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, representing the three states of Missouri, Iowa and Kansas, was held in Columbia last Friday afternoon. J. E. Bishop, of St. Louis, inspector of this division, presided. George H. Hunker, of Rho chapter, Missouri University, delivered the address of welcome, and the president responded. Reports were received from Kansas Uni-

University, Iowa versity, Missouri University, William Jewell Codlege, Central College, and the St. Louis Alumni Association, showing the fraternity at those points to be in a flourishing condition. lowing officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, J. E. Bishop, of St. Louis; vice-president, W. B. Keeler, of Iowa City, Ia.; secretary, T. J. Wallace, Jr., of Central College, Fayette; treasurer, M. Blackshire, of Kansas University. adjournment the visiting delegates were given a luncheon at the Sigma Nu chapter house. We congratulate Mr. Wallace upon his election. He is one of the most enthusiastic and popular fraternity men in the state." We trust the meeting was a success, and that the Fourth Division will step into line with the chapters of the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth.

THE recent death of Mr. Von Gammon at the University of Georgia, resulting from injuries received in a football game with the University of Georgia eleven, has caused the Georgia Legislature to abolish the game at all state institutions. Who will criticise the publication of the following here, or decry the spirit which prompts a member of one fraternity to love the member of another? From a private letter to a friend in the East we culled these lines written by W. L. Kemp, Inspector of the Sixth Division, Sigma Nu Fraternity. Because of its unusual nature, no higher tribute can paid to the worth of the lamented Von Gammon, and we ask Kemp's pardon for making public his noble sentiment, for it can but deeply gratify the mother who mourns beside the ashes of her broken idol: "In response to your query in regard to Von Gammon, I will say that he was not a member of our fraternity, although it was my desire that he become one of us when he entered college. His relatives and friends of his home town caused him to select the

S. A. E. Frat. He was a noble fellow. I knew him well, and all of his family. His brother, now principal of the Rome High School, was my classmate, and roomed with me for two years of our college course, and Von's death came to me as if I had lost one of my own immediate family. His death has caused a great tidal wave of opposition to sweep over Georgia against football, and, from the present outlook, football will soon be as a tale that is told in this state."

As THE SUB ROSA DELTA, just issued, as No. 1. of Volume 15, and sent to all subscribers, contains a complete account of the special convocation at Nashville, October 13-15th, it is unnecessary to make further comment upon it. We call especial attention to the financial report on page 19 thereof.

On page 124 appears a notice of the death of Walter E. Faison, who, at the time, we supposed was a member of Sigma Nu. The article had just been printed when we received the November Palm of Alpha Tau Omega, which contained a photo of the deceased and a lengthy tribute to their deceased "Brother Faison." The error is ours, although we were little to blame, in fact. friend in the East sent us a clipping from a Washington paper noting the death of W. E. Faison. brother Sig, I believe," wrote he, and we referred to our catalogue, page 9 (Alpha Chapter, V. M. I.), and found the entry: "W. H. Faison, Jackson, N. C.; graduated '74, rank 1st Capt." The initials we supposed were wrong in our catalogue, and we proceeded to mark our brother "dead," with the above result. extending sympathy to A. T. O. upon the death of her distinguished alumnus, we express the hope that our alumnus is yet in the land of the living, and that he will appreciate our efforts at this hasty resurrection.

Bro. CLEMANS wishes to inaugurate an annual celebration by all the chapters, and suggests that it be called "Founders' Day Celebration." Inasmuch as Sigma Nu was founded on January 1st, that date will be impracticable. Therefore, he says, begin with Lambda's date and proceed down the list annually. A special keremony and exercises, such as addresses by alumni of the chapters, would add to the interest and enjoyment of the meeting around the festal board. Bro. Clemans never puts his hand to the plow and turns back. The idea will prevail.

In the list of chapter houses owned, in DETTA of March 15, '97, the name of Phi chapter, at Louisiana State University, was unintentionally omitted. Our attention to this has lately been called by Grand Treasurer Furman, who writes: "Phi has a neat chapter home on the college grounds, built by the exertions of her own members, not a cent having been subscribed by any one not a member or alumnus of Phi. This hall was completed and dedicated in June, 1892, and is paid for in full. The home is a small, ornamental one, for, as cadets are required to live in barracks, it is only needed as a meeting place and a place of safety for the fraternity records." This correction is made with pleasure.

VICE REGENT CLARK is not only pastor of the First Universalist church, of Clinton, Ill., but is publishing a neat little monthly, "The Larger Hope," the organ of the Y. P. C. U. In the August number appears a superb engraving of our very excellent brother. True to Sigma Nu, in the photograph he displays his badge upon his breast, whilst in his countenance we see depicted the character of the Christian soldier and citizen. Early in October a little daughter was born at his home which, he writes, may be called "Delta," for

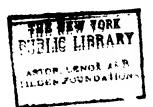
Delta Theta, his old chapter. Here's to the second edition of the Sigma Nu Delta—may she live to become the wife of a president!

Bro. W. J. Sears mourns the loss of his handsome badge, which he missed from his coat at Ironton, Ohio, while traveling over that section last summer. The badge has twelve diamonds, five or six opals, and a ruby in the head of the serpent. The fact that the pin belonged to his brother, the lamented Lorin B. Sears, intensifies his regret at losing it. Brothers will keep a sharp look-out in pawn-shops and elsewhere for the missing jewel, and, if found, report to Walter J. Sears, Chillicothe, Ohio.

HON. THEODORE S. WILKINSON, Democratic Collector of the Port of New Orleans, tendered to Bro. Henry M. Furman, Grand Treasurer of Sigma Nu Fraternity, the place of Chief Deputy, the highest position in the gift of the Collector. This is a lofty testimonial to the high standing of our brother in the Crescent City, and in his promotion the entire fraternity rejoices.

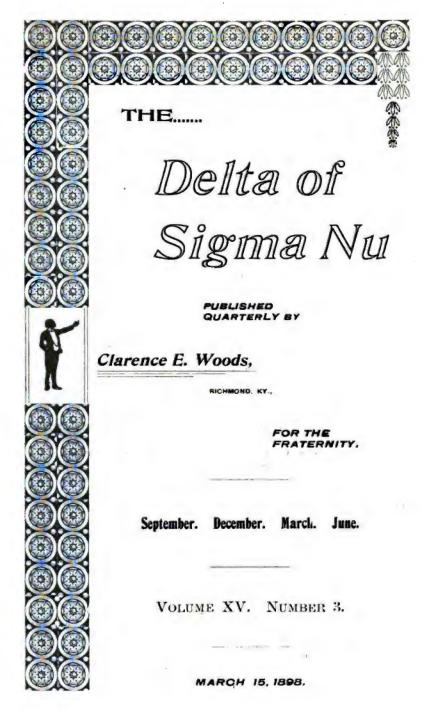
THAT noble boy, founder of more chapters than any other member of Sigma Nu—need we call his name?—Clemans. He still presides over the destiny of his Western group of chapters, and assists them by coin and counsel constantly. Honor be to the gallant brother—happiness, peace, plenty to him and his!

As soon as financial matters ease up a little we will issue a new and handsome charter, superbly engraved, with one of which each chapter will be supplied. Each chapter was sent two newly-printed Rituals last month by registered mail. Did your chapter reporter turn them over promptly?





I Robert Rostman "Dalagata at Large"



# Fraternity Directory.

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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGNTON, SEATTLE, THE HOME OF GAMMA CHI.

In the of middle the "50's," when the vast unexplored region of the extreme Northwest was typified in the minds of most men by the lugubrious phrase "Where rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound save its own dashings," there gathered together a group of hardy pioneers in the then little village of Seattle, to formulate plans for the growth of what has now become one of the proudest institutions of learning in the West. Beginning at a time when the most direct route to New York was by way of a 12,000 mile sailing course, money was scarce, Indian depredations frequent, and above all, when the prejudices of the people against the growth of the higher education idea were most pronounced, the University of Washington has fought a hard battle with each succeeding year of its existence.

But "Clam Digger" perseverance is proverbial, and the University owes a great debt of gratitude to the graduates of its earlier years, who have never ceased in their devotion to a humble but none the less beloved alma mater. Men of principle always succeed, and the success of institutions which are backed by

such elements, is inevitable.

The liberal provision made for the future income of the University upon the admission of Washington as a State into the Union, was unlooked for, but paved the way for an expansion which had hitherto been impossible. The land grants which contribute to the income of the University extend from one end of the State to the other. Through the sale of a considerable portion of these properties, nearly three quarters of a million dollars has been expended on buildings, the main structure, the most beautiful edifice in the State, being finished in Pennsylvania slate, copper and bronze.

The original site of the University covered three blocks well down in the business centre of the city of But the old buildings became inadequate in many ways for the growing requirements, and a site covering several hundred acres on a beautiful location five miles from the city, gently sloping on the east, south and west toward Lakes Washington and Union, was selected. The former lake is a magnificent body of water nearly thirty miles in length, running parallel to Puget Sound at a distance of about three miles, Seattle, now a city of 75,000 inhabitants, being built on the intervening picturesque hills. Lake Union is some two miles long, lying directly west of Lake Washington, between that body of water and Puget Sound, and is completely surrounded by the city. Overlooking Lake Washington toward the east, back of which rises the majestic Cascade range of mountains, every peak of which towers into the sky from 8,000 to 15,000 feet, a drink of Alpine scenery with all its ruggedness and awful beauty, can rival but not surpass it. Toward the west, as far as the eye can reach, extend the sinuous lines of the still, deep waters of the Puget Sound, reflecting the overtowering Olympics, even now unexplored, which rise to obstruct our view of the Pacific ocean.



It is to be seriously doubted whether the University should be congratulated upon having such poetical surroundings, owing to the tendency to foster the romantic and sentimental, with a consequent sacrifice of the sterner lines of thought; but true character is, after all, born, not made, and who would not be the better for such a constant communion with nature where its vast massiveness has been its protection against the defacing hand of man and civilization?

With the renewed material successes of the University came an awakening of the intellectual side of its life also. While the new buildings were in course of construction, President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford University, happened to visit the city to fill a lecturing appointment before the Young Naturalist's Society, a gathering of Washington graduates who have already become well known throughout the scientific world through their energetic work in revealing what lies hidden in the way of flora and fauna under the deep waters of this wonderful estuary. From that day, those who had strived so hard in their limited sphere for the betterment of the standing of the University, found an enthusiastic co-worker in this master spirit. He breathed a new atmosphere into the curriculum, and at his suggestion the faculty was rejuvenated. Dr. Jordan was but an adviser, not a dictator. He foresaw the vast field of usefulness which a well equipped institution of learning in this section was destined to fill, and was only to willing to add his experience and wisdom to that of others in striving for a common end.

The old management had served to good purpose in their smaller sphere, but "the old order ever changeth, making way for new," and the evolution of the modern University forms no exception to the rule. Mark W. Harrington, one of the broadest thinkers and most widely known scientists of the country, was se-

lected to take the Presidency, beginning with the fall term of 1895. In the se'ection the board of regents could have done no better. He is a man of affairs as well as a master in his particular lines of thought, and the fertile field to which he has been assigned already promises an abundant harvest in all those things which constitute, and are characteristic of, a great University.

The inauguration ceremonies upon the opening of the new buildings occurred in September, 1895, and were imposing. The transition of the University from the old to its new existence, was typified on this occasion by the presence of two persons who have each in their way been a part of the institution in its growth. Dr. Bagley, a venerable old man of 90, who was with A. A. Denny, capitalist, perhaps the first of the pioneeers to conceive the idea of establishing an institution of higher learning in this remote spot, pronounced the opening prayer. Edmund S. Meany, who graduated in 1878, and has devoted the greater part of his time since then in endeavoring to better the standing of his alma mater, delivered an address upon the past and future of the University. Mr. Meany is a true type of the "Clam Digger" Native Son, and in a description of the making of the University of Washington, a proper recognition of his services and sterling worth is essential. Born in the lowly walks of life, supporting himself by working in a newspaper office until he had completed his studies at the University, his education was well deserved. After leaving the University he at once plunged into the political life of the northwest, and has long been a familiar figure by reputation as well as by the fact of a "six feet five" stature. In a short time he was made city editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, a position he held for many years. He has represented his district in the Legislature on more than one occasion; with his classmate, Charles L. Denny, he has been a leading spirit in the work which has moulded a lasting reputation for the Young Naturalist's Society throughout the world, as was evidenced by a recent visit of Lord Lister and a number of other eminent London scientists, who, upon arriving at Seattle, directed their first inquiries to learn more of the discoveries of the society and to become acquainted with those who had furnished its brains and acumen. Mr. Meany was secretary and press agent of the Washington World's Fair Commission, and took an active interest in the formation of the Columbian Chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity, though he was a total stranger to the ways of college fraternities, and in conversation the writer more than once expressed a desire to establish a chapter in the institution of his adoption, being convinced that from the resultant unity there would eventually evolve a star in the political firmament of the northwest region which would be a power for good and the political preferment of the members who were within the inner circle. was appointed registrar of the University upon its reorganization in the fall of 1895, and with the opening of the present college year was advanced to the enviable position of Professor of American History. every crisis Sigma Nu may look to him as a staunch friend. He is the fairy godfather of Gamma Chi, and at the annual banquets of the Sigma Nu Northwest Alumni Association his appearance creates enthusiasm second only to that accorded our old veteran of lovalty to Sigma Nuism-Bro. Carl Clemans.

Nearly sixty professors have been enrolled in the faculty of the University, and the enlistment of students has aggregated nearly six hundred. The advancement of the Puget Sound country has been much more rapid than our far eastern friends may think, and if they have any fear that the chapter recently established there may fall by the wayside, let them dispel it

at once. The aim of those who were instrumental in the establishment of Gamma Chi did not look for those students wearing the best clothes, regardless of the adjuncts of manhood which went with such apparel; that chapter is made of sterner stuff.

I regret that I have not the space to tell to the fraternity at this time all that is within me, of the possibilities which lie before this little band to make a name for themselves and their beloved fraternity in a land which is "fair to lure the eye of conquest, rich to feed the conquering band." The chapter letters have probably already sung the just praises of the individual members of the chapter. Perhaps modesty has swerved the pen of the reporter from its accustomed accuracy, but let it be so. Sigma Nu has reached out in a broad, untried field, and when sterling manhood has been made the criterion of those who shall be allowed to carry her colors there, time itself will tell in more unerring lines than lie at my command, that each has recognized a duty of fealty to the fraternity, and devotion to the principles which it represents.

SCOTT CALHOUN, Beta Chi.

# HON. LOUIS BLOCK, LL. B., BETA MU, '93.

(DAVENPORT, IOWA, OUTLOOK, APRIL 24, '97.)

O take the unpopular side of a great question requires something akin to heroism. That is what Mr. Louis Block has done in his paper on Capital Punishment, printed in this number of the Outlook. I am pleased to give accompanying likeness of Mr. Block so that my readers may know just how a modern Don Quixote looks. For myself I do not desire the life of any man. Most of us have hard work enough to keep the vital spark in our bodies without having to fear the State's taking it away.

Mr. Block was born in this city June 30, 1869, and

laid the foundation for his education in the Davenport Grammar and High schools. After leaving High school he was appointed Deputy Clerk of the District Court of Scott county, serving in this capacity for about three He resigned this position to enter the State University of Iowa, where he graduated from the law department in June, 1893. At the State University he organized Beta Mu Chapter of the Sigma Nu college fraternity and was its first presiding officer. same place he was a charter member and first president of "The Polygon" a select literary society which has come to occupy a prominent place in the 'Varsity' In November, 1894, he, like Bill Nye, was elected Justice of the Peace and served one term of two years. His legal opinions as justice were several times published in the city papers. One of these, that on the "Sunday Sun" being extensively circulated through the United States Postoffice Department in connection with the suppression of the "Sunday Sun" in the United States mails. Mr. Block if Chancellor Commander of Columbian Lodge of Knights of Pythias, Junior Warden of Trinity Lodge A. F. and A. M., Past Consul of Clearwater Camp, M. W. A. and also a member of Scott Lodge of the I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Contemporary Club, and President of the Unity Club, also member of Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, and of Davenport Associated Charities, of Davenport Cycle Club, and of Scott County and Iowa State Bar Associations. He is among the most promising of the city's younger attorneys and withal a pleasant comrade even if he has proved it right for the State to take the life of criminals.

# FRANKLIN STORY CONANT.

(ABRIDGED FROM THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY CIRCUBAR.)

RANKLIN STORY CONANT, born in Boston on September 21, 1870, was descended from the old Puritan stock that settled New England. Ten generations back, Roger Conant, the first of the name to come from England to America, was the earliest Governor of the settlers of Salem, Mass., holding the position for three years before the arrival of John Endicott.

"His earliest education was obtained in the Public Schools of Boston and of Wellesley Hills. Here he attended the High School for two years, but completed his course in Winchester. He spent a couple of winters in the South, entering the University of South Carolina, at Columbia, S. C. While there, as indeed throughout all his student years, he was much interested in the college Y. M. C. A. work, being for a time president of the College Association. Returning home, he entered the Sophomore class of Williams College in the fall of 1890. Throughout his college life he held his position as first in his class, being graduated as Valedictorian. He decided to elect Biology as the field of his life work, and in furtherance, of that plan passed the first year after graduation in pursuing his work in Biology at Williams.

To prepare himself for his profession, he decided to enter the Johns Hopkins University as a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. During the first year he carried on an investigation on the anatomy and development of Chaetognaths and published in the spring a paper on a 'Description of Two New Chaetognaths.' He received the appointment to the University Scholarship in Biology for the year 1895–96 The results of that winter's work were embodied in a preliminary article, 'Notes on the Chaetognaths,' and

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also in a paper entitled 'On the Accelerator and Inhibitory Nerves of the Crab's Heart,' an investigation conducted by himself and Mr. H. L. Clark in the Physiological Laboratory of Professor Howell. All of his scientific writings are characterized by a remarkable clearness and conciseness of style, by the greatest painstaking care and accuracy and attention to details, and they show a breadth and comprehensiveness of understanding of the facts with which he dealt, that denote clear, well-balanced thinking.

"In June, 1897, he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and was also appointed to the Adam T. Bruce Fellowship for the ensuing year. He was not present, however, to receive his diploma in person, as immediately after the close of his examinations he started on the ill-fated expedition to Jamaica that was destined to end his life so full of brilliant promise and take from us a well-beloved friend and companion."

The writer adds: "We know full well the noble and self-sacrificing devotion he showed in those dark days of suspense and sorrow which closed the expedition, and how bravely, unflinchingly and cheerfully he bore the sore burdens that fell upon him—bore them like the man he was, a true hero. He saw his duty clearly and followed it without fear, fully appreciating his own great danger but never faltering. He felwhere he had always walked, in the path of duty and noble purpose, and in his very death, we have a lasting inspiration, an uplifting memory. The greatest tribute that can be paid him, the greatest comfort to those who knew and loved him, and mourn his irreparable loss, is that their lives are better, their aspirations higher by reason of the knowledge and the love. is one of "The immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence."

## SIXTH DIVISION CONVENTION AT MACON, GA.

### [MACON TELEGRAPH]

HE Sigma Nu State Convention was called to order in the parlors of the Hotel Lanier last evening, with a good attendance.

A great many other delegates are expected to-day.

A session will be held this morning at 10 o'clock, and another in the afternoon, when the convention will adjourn with a big banquet.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Eugene Anderson, of The Telegraph, and was responded to by Rev. A. J. Moncrief, of Eta chapter.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Eugene Anderson, of Macon.

First Vice President—Hope Polhill, of Macon.

Second Vice President—J. E. MacDonald, of Emory, Xi chapter.

Third Vice President—E. M. Copeland, of Mc Donough, from Eta chapter, Mercer.

Fourth Vice President—W. W. Collins, Jr., Macon, from Kappa, Dahlonega.

Fifth Vice President—S. O. Shinholser, of Gamma Alpha, Technological School, Atlanta.

Secretary—J. B. Kendrick.

Treasurer—S. Emmet Stevens.

The business of greatest importance taken up by the convention was the adoption of the resolution by Mr. Eugene Anderson, to raise funds for the education of bright and worthy young men who need financial assistance in their college courses.

It was the sense of the convention that such a fund be raised by methods to be adopted by the fraternity at to-day's sessions. A committee consisting of one representative of each chapter was appointed to devise ways and means for raising and using the fund, and this committee will meet at the Hotel Lanier this morning at 9 o'clock to make up its report.

When the convention is called to order at 10 o'clock the discussion of the committee's report will be the special order. Some beautiful speeches were made on the resolution last evening, and the ideas advanced were to so use the fund that it would endear every Georgian to the fraternity because of its good work in this great field.

It is probable that the committee's report will be to use the fund somewhat as the Joe Brown fund is used at the University of Georgia, although this is not certain. The fund will probably be raised by assessment of the alumni members throughout the State.

The convention closed with a banquet at the Hotel Lanier at 2 o'clock. The gathering was a great success and resulted in some good work. The next annual convention will be held in Macon during the carnival next year.

The most important business transacted during the past two days was the putting on foot of the movement to educate worthy young men under the auspices of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. A charter will be applied for and the alumni members of the State will be formed into an association for educational purposes.

Resolutions were adopted setting forth how and by what methods the funds should be raised and used, and these will be immediately submitted to the several hundred alumni members in the State for ratification, and the charter will be applied for by the next State convention.

The resolutions provide for a board of trustees to take charge of the fund, and to give assistance to young men who deserve it, regardless of what Georgia college they wish to attend, and without requiring them to be members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. The fund is to be loaned to the beneficiary without interest, and is to be repaid with the first money earned after leaving college. The assessments will be \$1 per annum for this fund, which, after the first year, will aggregate about \$500 per annum. When the loans begin to be paid back the fund will increase at a rapid rate, as the alumni are rapidly increasing, having reached 500 members within about six years in Georgia. As it takes about \$200 a year to carry a young man through college, it will be seen that after a few years quite a number of young men can receive the benefits of the fund.

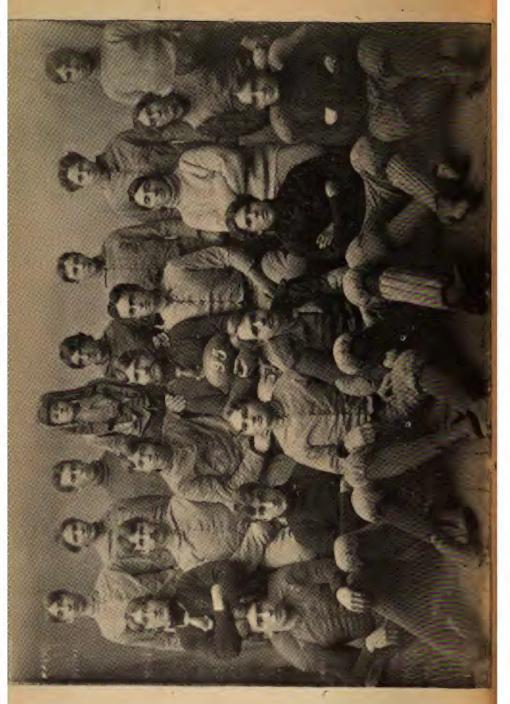
Among the speakers who left deep impressions on the minds of the convention were Professor J. E. Mc-Donald, of Byron, and Rev. A. J. Moncrief, one of the most brilliant of Mercer's ministerial students. Both of these gentlemen made great speeches in favor of the educational fund.

At yesterday morning's session representatives from Eta, Gamma Alpha, Mu, Xi and Kappa from Mercer, Technological School, State University, Emory and Dahlonega's North Georgia Military and Agricultural College respectively, submitted interesting and highly encouraging reports of the flourishing condition of their chapters. The reports showed that the fraternity spirit is by no means dormant in the colleges.

The convention, after the banquet, was closed with prayer by Rev. A. J. Moncrief and all of the delegates left for their homes, declaring it one of the most business-like and successful gatherings the fraternity ever held.—E. L. A.



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# HON. LEWIS HOWELL SMITH, BETA CHI, '95.

EWIS HOWELL SMITH is presented to the readers of the Delta as a type of the whole-souled, big-hearted, energetic, loyal Sigma Nu of the Pacific coast.

He was born at Peoria, Illinois, on the 3d of November, 1872, and received his preparatory education in the schools of Peoria.

In 1889 his parents moved to Fresno, California, where his father, John Boyd Smith, founded the Fresno National Bank, of which institution he was president until his death in 1893.

In 1891, Bro. Smith, in company with so many others, who had been at work, or in business for two or three years previous, concluded to enter the then new Stanford University, and was on hand at the opening of that institution on the first day of October of that year. He was one of the charter members of Beta Chi chapter, and was always one of her most enthusiastic and hard working sons.

In the University he was distinguished for his remarkable managerial ability. Among the many other projects which he carried through, was the Stanford University special train to the World's Fair in 1893, a solid train which ran direct from the University campus to Chicago. Another function which he engineered was the '95 commencement week, which is on record as one of the most successful events ever celebrated at Stanford. His class and college mates honored him with several elective offices, such as manager of the '95 base ball team, treasurer of the Athletic Association, manager of the '95 Annual, president of the Stanford Republican Club, and delegate to the National Republican Clubs, at Syracuse, New York, in 1894.

Mr. Smith graduated from Stanford University in 1895, receiving the degree of B. A. in law.

After leaving the University he continued the study of law in the office of Hon. Stanton L. Carter, then Judge of the Superior Court of Fresno county, and in April, 1896, was admitted to practice in the California courts.

His first case of any importance was the defense of a noted murder case in which he achieved more than local reputation. Shortly afterward he formed a partnership with Judge Carter, who had then retired from the Superior bench, and is now enjoying a flourishing practice.

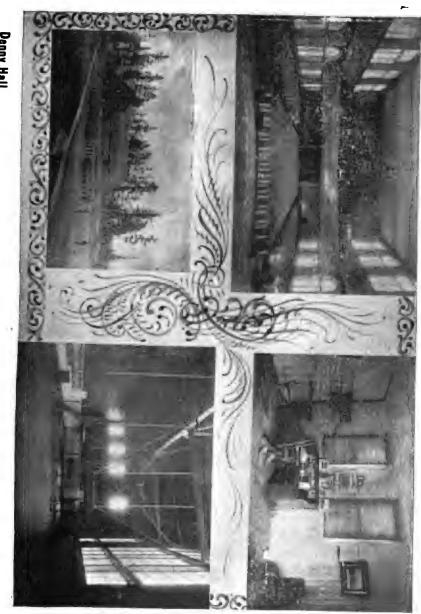
At the municipal election held the spring of 1897 he was chosen City Attorney of Fresno, by an overwhelming majority, the largest, in fact, ever given any candidate in the history of the city.

Bro. Smith's future in California law and practice augurs brilliancy, and nothing he can achieve will overtop the good fortune his host of friends hope for him.

Six years ago, when Bro. Smith became a member of the Sigma Nu brotherhood, the writer, as reporter for the Stanford Chapter, asked him what he might say about him by way of introduction to the fraternity through the Delta. After mentioning a few dates and facts, and not having much to work on, he said jokingly, "Well, tell 'em I'm a mighty good fellow." And so he is. Now, after six years of fraternal relations with him, no expression is more fitting than that "Lewis Howell Smith is a mighty good fellow," simply adding another brother's version, that "Lewis' heart is in the right place."



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# THETA NU EPSILON LEGISLATION.

[DELTA TAU DELTA, RAINBOW, JAN. '98.]

THE debate on the Theta Nu Epsilon question at the Karnea was, for the most part, very fair and temperate. It did not abound in wholesale statements nor did it affirm the universal corruption of the organization in dispute. It seems that there are some institutions in which Theta Nu Epsilon had good standing and in which membership in it on the part of Deltas brought some advantage to our Fraternity. in the opinion of many of our most loyal and judicious workers, it was generally divisive of brotherhood. The vote as passed left no doubt as to the sentiment of the Fraternity. Delegates of our chapters which had allowed members to join Theta Nu Upsilon immediately began to consult as to the best way of adjusting themselves to the prohibition. Intimate connection with our chapters has not yet revealed to us any disposition to thwart the law nor even any complaint against its enforcement. Quite apart from the future influence of the regulation the stand taken by the Karnea was of value in proving the loyalty to Delta Tau Delta of all those who stoutly resisted the prohibitive resolution. The stand was taken in a decided way; from no quarter have we heard a word of regret.

Our own action was quite like that taken by Kappa Alpha. In both cases, it seems, the action was based not on a new addition to the fraternity laws but on an interpretation of a law already existing. Kappa Alpha acted on the matter in June, Delta Tau Delta in August. The Karnea delegates, however, had no knowledge whatever of Kappa Alpha's action; for the fact of her settlement of the question was not once mentioned by any Chicago delegate. We have no doubt but that both fraternities will gain from the step taken. In a few institutions difficulty may be experienced for a period.

But the long effect will tend toward a closeness of fraternity bond and a unity of fraternity effort. In one respect the situation among us is different from that in Kappa Alpha. Editor Jones in the September Journal speaks of one correspondent who had objected to the fraternity's action; the editor of The Rainbow has not received even one protest. The graceful unanimity with which the iron prohibition has been accepted leads us to believe that the Fraternity will not suffer, even slightly, from its rule. We prophesy, also, that ere long Kappa Alpha and Delta Tau Delta will be followed in respect of this legislation by other of our fraternities.

of "American Fraternities" are getting impatient. The book is not yet issued. A letter from Mr. Baird, dated December 22, says the work is just now at a standstill. It would have been issued early last summer, but some of the leading fraternities would not contribute the necessary information so that the work was delayed. Mr. Baird's professional duties have prevented him from proceeding with the work this fall. He hopes to be able to take up the work soon again but may possibly not do so.—Theta Delta Chi.

Under date February 4, 1898, Mr. Baird writes the Delta: "I am making my final revision of manuscript for the printer." Hence, we infer that the work will be speedily pushed to completion.

HE annual report of Phi Gamma Delta for 1896-7 gives the following facts: Chapters 43, active 581; average number per chapter 13 9-10; largest chapter at Colgate with 24 members, smallest at University of North Carolina with one member; initiates 233; graduates 165; chapter houses occupied 15; alumni associations 6; graduate chapters 10; charter withdrawn 1, that of Marietta College chapter. The report indicates a very general prosperity in Phi Gamma Delta.



Louis Black, Beta Mu, '93

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# ·Remedial · Legislation. ·

[BY WALTER JAMES SEARS, B. PH., BETA NU, '94.]

#### THE FRUITS OF GROWTH.

A HE Sigma Nu Fraternity, like every human organization which possesses in any degree the vital principles of life, has bourne alike the good and bad fruits of growth. Appealing from its birth, in the sweetest tones to the noblest instincts of young manhood, its development, at once quick and universal, was inevitable. As the spirit of its progress was liberal, so its extension was immediate. It rushed on to a power as broad and ill-defined as the pathway along which it had come, little recking what its ultimate destiny would be. It was conscious only of its imperial youth which it knew to be brave and strong and unyielding in its steadfast purpose to conquer. And it was only content at last to see the emblems of its chivalrous knighthood streaming in one unbroken order from the Southland to the Golden Gate. was the period of liberal extension, of heroic action, of vigorous youth.

But the rankest growth is not always the best. The Sigma Nu Fraternity had, in truth, flashed like the stars of a single night out of darkness into glory. But in the very midst of the light there were those whose eyes were keen enough to see that the new growth was not complete. "You are going too fast," they said, "As if blinded or maddened by the very enthusiasm of your progress, you have entered into uncongenial and unfruitful fields; you have thought only of growing and not making yourself self-sufficient

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and self-dependent; you have established yourself upon a foundation so weak that you are threatened with a swift and sure decay." And then rising to the full demands of the hour the new spirits, brave in the defense by their Fraternity, cried out: "It is time to stop this head-long flight. There shall be no more unbridled conquests; no more Lawism in your finance; no more repudiation of your honest debts. You have been crusading long enough. You shall come in from the wars and light the fires on your hearthstones. You shall cease to grow horizontally and begin to grow perpendicularly, straight up and down, strongly, squarely, solidly."

Then came the period of conservative extension, of violent re-action, of cautious judgment, and this is the period in which we are to-day. We have come from one extreme to another, and however many evils we may have escaped by the change, it is a significant that we have fallen upon new ones, besides bringing a portion of the old ones with us as a most unhappy inheritance. But we are no longer on a mad career. We have time now to consider our conditions, whatever they are. We can determine our wellbeing now with the care and caution that come to the maturer years of life. We can look over the years of our growth and learn the lessons which the hard struggle has taught us. We can go carefully and confidently to work to wipe out the evils that confront us; always keeping our eves fixed epon that high and ennobling prospect whose foundations rest upon those laws of constructive growth which shall give us stability, abiding force, and a broad, persistent development.

## THE TWO CHIEF EVILS.

I have hinted at the evils which now beset us. They can be very easily classified under two heads: First, the evils of finance; and, second, the evils of extension.



Lewis Howell Smith, Charter Member of Beta Chi

#### OUR FINANCIAL ILLS.

Our financial ills are legion. Yet they all begin and end in the one great fault—indebtedness. The members are in debt to the chapters: the chapters are in debt to the Fraternity; and the Fraternity is indebt to its patrons. Some of the chapters, indeed, have entered upon the most lavish improvidence, only to find themselves at last in the most hopeless insolvency.

But such indebtedness is far reaching. It falls upon the general Fraternity like a plague of Egypt. Her publications are hampered; her administration is set about by a niggardly economy that blights all her plans and purposes; her energies are spent upon sordid fiscal affairs when they should be given to the nobler callings of the Fraternity life.

The effect upon the chapters is equally as baneful. Not less than 30 chapters are in debt to-day and owe the Grand Recorder alone more than \$2,500, (\$400 on this year alone, an average of \$10.00). And worst of all, the deadening influences of these debts are falling, in most cases, upon those who are no in way responsible for them, but who are made to bear the burdens of a weak and improvident ancestry. It is the old story of the monster eating up the very substance of one's toil—the very blood of one's life. In every case, always and forever, it drives away the fraternal spirit, dries up the well-springs of youthful energy, and leaves the chapter, at last, either dead or living a life of heartless struggles or meaningless frivolities.

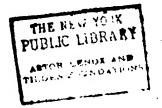
#### THEIR CAUSES.

And the causes—and we must know them before we can apply the remedies, are these: our quick and

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ered by the Fraternity, one at least having been adopted; others having been proposed by the Grand Recorder at the recent Nashville meeting; and still others being new.

#### THE CERTIFICATE OF MEBERSHIP.

The last Grand Chapter passed a law requiring every initiate to secure a certificate of membership which is to be given only in return for the initiation fee and without which no member is to be in good standing. The new law was aimed at those members who were in debt to the Fraternity and at those chapters which, while possibly receiving the money, had used it for other purposes. It is entirely a wise pro vision and if properly enforced ought to ensure the prompt payment of all obligations due the Fraternity. When it is once understood that a Sigma Nu's standing will be questioned unless he has this certificate, the new men will then see to it that their fees are forwarded to the general officers.

## THE CLEARANCE CARD.

This is a card, a sort of letter of character, which shall be issued only to those members whose account with the Fraternity is clear. Like the certificate, it is an indication, indeed, the highest proof of the good standing of the bearer and the shadow of discredit will fall upon every one without it. This is a safeguard which all secret orders provide themselves with and in the face of our constantly increasing deficits, caused by the negligence of our members, we should not hesitate to adopt it.

#### THE BLACK LIST.

This plan proposes that, after due time has been given for the payment of all just dues to the Fraternity, the Grand Recorder shall issue a list of all members in arrears, sending the same once each year as a subrosa (or open) communication to the several chapters.

This will be indisputable evidence of the good or bad standing of all the active men of the Fraternity. It is perhaps the most heroic remedy of them all, but some diseases require heroic treatment. For my part, I believe that a penalty of this kind can not be too severe. If there are any "dead beats" in my Fraternity I want to learn who they are that I may resent their imposition and refuse them the offices of a brother. These are hard words, I know, but I have been taught that the law of right and wrong is forever the same and I have yet to be told that it does not apply to the members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

#### THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TREASURERS.

The Chapter Treasurers should be higher classmen who shall be elected annually. At present there are two or three changes of this officer during the year. Permanency will insureamore business-like administration, since it will put that officer into closer touch, not only with his own chapter, but with the general Fraternity. And he should possess some knowledge of book-keeping, and known to be careful with his own affairs.

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The Grand Recorder should issue to the chapters a blank notice of election to be given to the new man being "spiked," said notice to contain the law as to the certificate of membership and also the laws as to clearance card and black list, should they be adopted. Thus at the very threshold of his entrance into the Fraternity the new man will be positively informed, as he should be, as to his financial obligations to the Fraternity.

## NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE.

All the remedies that we have been considering so far aim to insure to the Fraternity all the revenues already provided for. The Grand Recorder proposes some new sources of income. He would levy the Delta tax of one dollar upon all graduate students and a sustentation tax of 50 cents upon all old students returning to college. The propositions are wise and practical and should be endorsed at the next Grand Chapter.

#### THE EXTENSION PROBLEM.

When we come to examine the question of extension we reach quite a different problem. With the evils of finance we found certain unhappy conditions which had resulted chiefly from the lack of proper legislation. Now we find that the question is one of legislation itself; an effort to learn whether the effect of a certain law has been good or bad. In the passage of a law and its enforcement there are always two things to be considered: First, the conflicts that usually arise over the settlement of the question in controversy; and, second, the practical application of the law.

#### THE CONFLICTS.

As to the conflicts that have arisen from the repeated efforts to settle this question, while sometimes severe and always determined, they have, as far as I know, always ended in mutual and fraternal concessions to the undisputed will of the majority. I trust and believe there is nothing to fear in these differences of opinion, for these contests should continue, as they have always been, frank, honest and manly. The great body of Sigma Nus are broad-minded enough and large-hearted enough to meet these conflicts in a brave, generous and tolerant spirit—to accept defeat with candor and courage; to win with calmness and humility.

#### THE PRESENT LAW.

As to the present law, it came as the result of a longstanding opposition to the old law which was a very. liberal one. It was charged against it that it was openpositived by Google ing the doors to unwelcome guests; that it was settling new chapters in sterile and unprosperous territory; that the Fraternity was growing in numbers at the expense of worth and stability. And in the main, I be lieve, that these charges were true; at any rate they were very effective. The liberal policy was forced to give way to a more conservative one, which culminated in the law that was passed at the last Grand Chapter and which is the one now in force.

But against this law it is charged that in escaping one extreme it has gone to another. If the old law was ultra-liberal, this one is ultra-conservative. Its opponents further charge that in a trifle over one year of practical application it has resulted in the defeat of several worthy petitions and placed a damper upon the progressive spirit of the Fraternity. They point out that one member of the High Council or one chapter in a Division may, in effect, determine the extension policy of the whole Fraternity; that this is, in reality, the establishment of a one-man veto power; that thus it destroys the voice of a large majority and places the supreme authority of executive decision in the hands of the smallest possible minority.

And in the main I am inclined to believe that these charges are true In a personal way let me say that I have always been a conservative on this question: that I voted for the present law and that I am, indeed, still a conservative. But I am frank enough to say that even the conservatives may make a bad law. Whether any law is good or bad can only be determined by its operation, and in the face of the results of the present law I should despise myself if I were not honest enough to admit that it is defective: if I did not say that it has proved to be both unjust and impractical. It is manifestly unjust that the judgment of a Division should be overridden by the judgment of a single man or a single chapter. It is manifestly impractical that a single

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Harry T. Parsons, Founder of Gamma Beta

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chapter or a single member of the High Council should be in a better position to act for the welfare of the Fraternity than all the remaining chapters or the remaining Grand officers. In short, the present law does something more than place a salutary restraint upon extension; it prevents any kind of extension that does not come by a unanimous voice. Nor am I overlooking the proviso of the law which permits an appeal to the general Fraternity. But there are not many sets of petitioners (there has been none so far) who will make such an appeal, in the force of the adverse vote of some chapter in the very Division where it must take up its home.

#### THE LAW MUST BE MODIFIED.

So I stand for a modification of the law,—not a radical modification, but a most conservative one. The law would still possess every element of conservatism, it would still prevent hasty extension into poor and unpropitious fields, if the unanimous vote be reduced to a majority vote in the High Council and a two-thirds or a three-fourths vote in the Divisions.

The fraternity should be re-districted. It has outgrown the present geographical boundaries of its eight Divisions. Some are unvieldy, the splendid Seventh Division alone containing ten chapters, one-fourth of the entire number.

The present law is further defective in that its execution may be marked by vexatious and harmful delays. The founding of a new chapter often depends upon prompt action. The High Council should be made to record its decision in ten days, the Divisions in two weeks—all votes to be counted in the affirmative when not received in the specified time, silence denoting consent.

Thus, it seems to me, that the present law can be modified in more ways than one, with beneficial results in each case along lines at once conservative and practical: We learn our best lessons from experience whose instructions none but fools will rofuse to hear. The one lesson of sense that I have learned is to reach the end we desire by the surest means. Most of us, I dare say, hope for a moderate, stable growth in our Fraternity. We stand for a wise spirit of progress. If, however, the means that we are using now fall short of this high and worthy end, let us—shall we not,—find still other and better means!

#### LEGISLATION IS NOT OMNIPOTENT.

Thus we have, in a manner, reviewed the evils that now beset our Fraternity, pointed out their causes and suggested some possible remedies for them. In every case we have sought the cure through the wide door of legislation. We have made our highest tribunal our physician; its dictum our medicine. But neither lo-

tions nor heroic laws are omnipotent.

There never was a patient sick unto death who did not owe his life to some sweet and ministering angel. These legislative remedies will unquestionably do a great deal to remove the ills that now pull at the life of the Fraternity. But they are not enough. Some brave and loving caretaker must come and sit at her side, smooth out her pillow of pain with the tender touch of love, watch her back into health and strength, and then lead her out of the shadows into the high places of light and service. It is the eternal truth: Love, not lotions, heroic service, not heroic laws, are omnipotent! We may, indeed, sometimes need the law and the lotion, but we shall need them least of all when we give to our Fraternity, in bountiful measure, this love and this heroic service.

I call upon every Sigma Nu to give them now, but chiefly I call upon the young men who make up our present active battalions in the field. I call upon them in the name of all the incomparable joys and memories of college days; in the name of all the hallowed friendships of their Fraternity life, and I tell them that this love and service will solve all the problems of the hour and lead them, with honor, out of every trial of their stout young hearts, as it will lead the Fraternity itself on to its high and noble calling, which in itself is one of love and service.

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## THE NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE CHARMINGLY DESCRIBED.

rich, of Chicago, there met feur men, the history of whose lives is the history of the Northwest Territory. The object of the meeting was to plan for the founding in this great tract of land of a "Literary College:"—such was the inception of Northwestern University. Five hundred dollars in Chicago real estate was a ntributed by each one toward an endowment fund. A few hours' ride from Chicago they found on the shore of the Lake a magnificent temple of oaks, whose choir was the sighing of the winds, whose organ was the low sob of the waves. Here they determined to put their inspiration into material form.

To the lowly wooden building came during the first year ninety-two students. But the Civil War broke out and the young men of the land left their studies to fight the battles of others. The financial depression that followed the War crippled the growth of the Institution, but with the return of prosperity came an increase of power to the University. 1870 saw 184 students enrolled; 1880, 464; 1890, 1,034; 1896, 3,016; and to-day Harvard University alone is the cynosure of more student eyes than Northwestern. The curriculum has kept pace with that of student growth. Butler's Analogy has been forgotten. The new spirit of scientific research pervades the college halls. Sociology and Political Economy are two of the strongest depart-The requirements for entrance have been raised year by year until now they are on a parallel In the beginning her students came from with Yale. one or two States. To-day they are enrolled from Washington and Texas, Maine and Florida, Syria and

Hawaii, Japan and South America. The endowment of \$2,000 has increased to more than \$4,000,000. this marvelous growth the scope of Northwestern has It is no longer a "Literary College." It is a modern University, embracing eight colleges, or schools, with a corps of two hundred and thirty-nine professors and instructors. The little frame building of 1850 is no more. In its place stands a score of others of marble and stone. Each of the different schools has a home of its own, with the exception of the Law School, which has magnificent apartments in the Masonic Temple. The nature of the work in the work in the Schools of Medicine, Law, Pharmacy, and Dentistry has compelled them to seek the favorable surroundings of the city. Here their students find abundant opportunities to launch out into the experiences of real life. From the beginning the City Departments have been conservative. They were the first of the professional schools to add another year to the course of study.

The College of Liberal Arts, and the Schools of Music, Oratory, and Theology find a more congenial atmosphere in Classic Evanston. The University campus hugs the shore of Lake Michigan, and a more charming scene in June is not found than its mile of undulating green dotted with stalwart oaks. At its foot the blue waves of the Lake are ever dashing in white foam, and the sad undertone of their breaking fills the campus with hushed melody. The rugged beauty of the scene that greeted the eyes of the first student half a century ago has never been disturbed. Nature has ever been allowed the supreme place in the crmpus. No severe lines of architecture, no monotony in color and form, breaks the harmony. The blue-eyed violets still peep up among the grasses in no fear of the landscape gardener and the "velvet sward." In the center of the lower campus stands a staff of Wash-

ington pine, on which wave the Stars and Stripes. From its base was taken the beautiful view of the campus that appears in this number of the Delta. eye of a person with its wider scope would see through a veil of autumn leaves the college halls standing in an indifferent half-circle with the blue waves of the Lake for a background. Far off in the North the bald dome of the Observatory lifts itself against the sky. At the left the Ionic pillars of the Library glisten whiter in the sunlight. A stone's throw towards the Lake stands the Theological School, with its "storied windows richly dight." "Old Heck" mantled with leaves, serves as the keystone of the arch. Farther in the shadows gleam the golden tiles of the School of Oratory, while at the extreme right stands University Hall, the most impressive of all

The northern half of the campus is devoted to athletics. Here is Sheppard Field, from whose capacious amphitheater thousands of purple "roosters" have cheered Northwestern on to victory. Here are the tennis courts, the running track, the diamond, and the gridiron.

Northwestern University is Democratic. Its students are self-governed. No laudable ambition is restrained. Prizes and fellowships are offered to the aspiring "undergrad." Alliances have been made with all the surrounding universities, and college spirit has many channels through which to become jubilant. Every year the students of Northwestern have an opportunity to match brain and brawn with Chicago, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. There are also times of relaxation. Then the student can incline to his favorite "bent," for there are dramatic clubs, chess clubs, camera clubs, coffee clubs, banjo clubs, mandolin clubs, political clubs, science clubs, debating clubs, French clubs, and German clubs. If he wishes to plunge into the whirl of social dissipation, he has fra-

ternity parties, sorority "hops," class socials, "Pan-Heavens" and "Pan-Hells."

The fraternity spirit at Northwestern is strong, thirty-seven per cent of the men wearing the Greek letter. The "Barbs" are unorganized, and make no effort to lead in college honors. Therefore the contest, which is carried on in a friendly spirit, is mainly between the fraternities themselves. The following are the organizations at Northwestern University, in chronological order: Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu.

The class of students that enter Northwestern are the very best. The names of her Alumni are often heard on the lips of fame. With such a grand foundation, with such a liberal policy, with such a corps of professors and throng of students,—her future is very bright. With Quae cumque sunt vera for her motto, and with the royal purple for her color, she will ever be worthy of her fame, and the time will never come when the hearts of her children will not be quickened by the thrilling dynamic

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G. T. NESMITH.



# HISTORY OF THE NEW GAMMA BETA CHAP-TER OF SIGMA NU, AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

# (ESTABLISHED JAN. 21, 1898.)

TTHE room of \* \* \* Evanston, Illinois, \* \* \* there met the following persons: Harry T. Parsons, Gilbert H. Wilkinson, George B. Goodwin, Walter G. Kennedy, and Ernest E. Olp, \* \* \* for the purpose of forming an organization to present an application to the Sigma Nu Fraternity for a charter." So reads the first entry in the book of "Minutes of the Gamma Delta Sigma Fraternity."

This was not the beginning of the Chapter by any means. These young men did not "just happen" to meet there on that night to demand a charter by telegraph. This organization had undergone a slow process of growth for several months.

To Harry Parsons, whose likeness appears elsewhere, is due the credit of first having seen the need of a new fraternity at Northwestern. To him we are indebted for our introduction to our Beta Pi brothers, and to his skill as an organizer the Chapter owes its existence.

Oramel Ainsworth was the next to join. His good sense and foresight have always been a balance wheel to the more impulsive fellows, and he has prevented a number of clamities that threatened us. Mr. Ainsworth was sick the night of that first meeting, but was none the less with us in spirit.

Kenney, Olp, Wilkinson, and Goodwin were the next to be enrolled. By this time matters were quite well under way. An encouraging letter had been received from the Grand Recorder and a delegation of Chicago Alumni had visited us.

Then came the discouragements. Beta Pi could not endorse us at once, and one of the men that we had bid

sold himself to the \* \* \* Fraternity by telling about us. The College was on tip-toe to learn what we were doing, while we kept on rushing the best available men. The traitor had given a garbled account of what he knew to one of his newly-made frat. brothers, a Chicago reporter, who made a "good story" of it. This account injured us, because it gave a wrong list of names belonging to the "new frat." It gave names of some men that we wouldn't have, and omitted the names of our best men. This we answered by a brief statement in the "Northwestern" of the names of our members. Seager and Blair were then affiliated, Tilroe remaining sub rosa until September, 1898. Siberts then came in, after much persuasion and argument with his parents.

The other fraternities were surprised at the men we were getting, men that they had tried to get and had failed. When Nesmith joined, our position was secure. Our strength at this stage was quite remarkable, due in part, at least,, to the care theolder members exercised in selecting only such under graduates as were good men and sure of coming back at least another year. We now had a room for our regular meetings. We had entertained the boys of Beta Pi twice, and had several jolly spreads.

The frat. was strong when college opened last fall. Ten old members came back, and only one stayed out. Schneider was initiated at the opening of the session, and Moody and Willis somewhat later. The last man received into Gamma Delta Sigma was Harvey Solenberger. Thus fourteen names appear on the charter. Fortunately for us, Mr. John Wilkinson was transferred from Beta Beta. We have a house accommodating eight of the fellows, as well as providing us with pleasant parlors, piano, and a secret fraternity hall.

Our initiation into Sigma Nu was sufficient reward for all our labors, had we not already been well repaid by the friendships and the mutual help and comfort of

a fraternal organization.

GEO. B. GOODWIN.

# INSTALLATION OF GAMMA BETA—THE BAN QUET AND THE BOYS.

[C. E. W.]

₹HE parlors of the beautiful Victoria Hotel, overlooking Lake Michigan, in the centre of that famous thoroughfare, Michigan Avenue, Chicago, were the scene of the installation ceremonies, on the night of Friday, January 21, 1898. The fourteen petitioners were introduced to the mysteries of Sigma Nu after some highly interesting preliminaries, arranged by the ingenius members of Beta Pi, and executed by Rogers, Mentzer, Hodkins, Belfield et al, in a manner that will dwell long and delightfully in the memories of all who participated—except Parsons, Ainsworth, Goodwin and eleven others! The sport was A 1, and the amusement and instruction afforded rewarded the fraternal spectators. Subsequently the solemn services of formal installation were held, and rarely has such a beautiful or successful ceremony occurred in the history of Sigma Nu, thanks to Beta Pi's excellent officers. The banquent followed and the following were seated at the L-shaped table: M. F. Gallagher. Toast Master; Jas. Alvin Clark, W. G. Kenney, Walter A. Payne, Charles M. Foell, A. Miller Belfield, Arthur Whipple Smith, Paul R. Siberts, F. W. Shipley, Oramel C. Ainsworth, H. M. Tilroe, Ainsworth W. Clark, W. G. Randolph, Jas. M. Gwin, F. Hall, H. M. Solenberger, T. F. Moody, Chas. N. Crewdson, George Taylor Nesmith, Wm. Hodgkins, N. P. Willis, J. M. Schneider, R. T. Rogers, John Wilkinson, John P. Mentzer, Earl Russell, R. L. Peck, G. H. Wilkerson, G. H. Sawyer, Ernest Everett Olp, Harry T. Parsons, R. L. Hughes, Geo. B. Goodwin, M. B. Frutchey, G. W. Seager, Newell M. Fair, Elmer H. Dwelle, Harry A. Collins, Clarence A. Torrey, Wilber M. Kelso, R. M. Read, Paul R. Williams, Clarence E. Woods.

The menu was such as only the Victoria provides and the service was faultless. A half dozen toasts were responded to and were greatly enjoyed especially Crewdson's impromptu. The new chapter was given every evidence of a harty welcome by the Chicago alumni, whilst the occasion of their entrance into Sigma Nu was deemed worthy of the attendance of two members of the High Council. The others would doubtless have been present, but for the great distance from their respective homes, Baltimore and New Orleans. absence and that of the "Delegate.at-Large," the unofficial but merited title given to J. Robert Boatman, of Kentucky, whose photo appears in this issue, were commented upon and sincerely regretted. The mention of their names in tributes of praise, was hailed with applause. The banquet over, the company repaired to the parlors again where Bro. Earl Russell took a flash-light picture of the group, too indistinct, however, to warrant reproduction in the DELTA, much to our regret. The occasion had been long looked forward to with delight, for the acquisition of the local society of Gamma Delta Sigma is a great conquest for Sigma Nu.

Next day, after a pleasant call at the three-story stone-front house of Beta Pi chapter, 5744 Monroe Avenue, the Grand Recorder went out to Evanston, thirteen miles distant from Chicago, to visit the new brothers. It was during a blinding snow storm in the evening of January 22, that he alighted from the car and was escorted by Bro. Siberts to the domicile of the late Gamma Delta Sigma, now Gamma Beta of Sigma Nu. With what a warm welcome did he meet, this snow-bound wanderer! The doors of the hospitable fraternity house at 2146 Sherman Avenue, were thrown open to him, and a night and a day were passed before he was permitted to return to the city.

The night was a terror, the blizzard without only con-

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trasting to the better advantage the happy circle within. In the first place Bro. Tilroe sang as I have heard few sing before upon the professional stage. His voice is mighty, it is wondrous in scope and beauty, in expression faultless. Two comic songs which rent the air with laughter, and he bade us adieu to practice as soloist for one of Chicago's largest choirs.

Gilbert Wilkinson played a piano solo and George Goodwin snatched up his violin and rendered one of the most difficult selections. The musical program was sufficient in itself to cause the charmed listener to mentally exclaim, "O, that every chapter were thus blessed," when up stood the Wilkinson brothers, Gilbert and John, the latter having joined Sigma Nu a year before at Depauw University. And since the immortal Conn first engraved his name upon a cornet and made it worth its weight in gold, to this good hour, I have never heard more beautiful music issue from that instrument. The cornet duet was simply superb, and when I later heard that Gilbert Wilkinson was leader of the Momence Band, the best in Illinois, I felt that my partial estimate of him was only a compliment to my judgement. Inasmuch as many of the fellows were "all broke up" from the gymnastics of the preceding night, the upstairs were resonant with snores and snorts of tired mortals, who had already sought the arms of weary nature's sweet restorer—and hence, only one other remained awake to add to the evening's entertainment, impromptu as it was. And this was Harry Thaddeus Parsons, the Daddy of the chapter. Although his voice was husky, his muscles sore, and memory of recent events painfully acute, he was persuaded to give a recitation. Thus far I had listened with the attention and admiration which one gives only to a musical of the first-class. When Parsons ran his hand through his wealth of chestnut hair, visions of Paderewski rose before my eyes. Suddenly the classic

features of the chapter's pride were distorted into the drunkard's countenance, and the show began. The Tippler and his Dog were there to perfection, and though others present had often listened to this masterpiece of recitation, my eyes and ears were strangers to such excellent delineations, and if I was speechless with delight over the musical portion of the entertainment I was dumb with amazement at the talent of Parsons. But all things must have an end and I was told that if I would but remain a day or so the chapter would entertain me with a set program! Thought I, if I could steal away any one of these artists I would carry him home to join the "Kentucky Colonels" or give to Zeta Chapter an ornament unequaled in the State.

If my readers would know something more of the new chapter and its members, I invite their attention to these facts:

H. T. PARSONS, BRAIDWOOD, ILL.

Graduate of the Cumnock School of Oratory, '97. Member class '98 College of Liberal Arts. Tackle on N. W. football team '93.

1st prize oratorical contest Onargo, Ill., Seminary, '92.

Class President and Class Orator, Seminary, '92. Northern Oratorical League Preliminary. Will study law.

G. T. NESMITH, CAPRON, ILL.

Member Class '99.

Member of Syllabus Board (Annual).

Member Hinman Literary Society.

Member Y. M. C. A.

Northern Oratorical League Prelim. contestant.

Graduated head of class Geneseo Ill. College

Graduated head of class Geneseo, Ill., College. Class-day Orator Geneseo, Ill., College, 1st rank. Will study Theology.



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# O. C. AINSWORTH, MARION, KAS.

Member class '99.

Member Evanston Musical Club.

Member College Glee Club.

President "Deutsche Gesellschaft," The German Dept. Ass'n.

Secretary Hinman Literary Society.

Secretary College Glee Club.

Valedictorian Marion, Kas., High School.

Member Marion, Kas., High School Eleven.

President Marion, Kas., High School Literary Society.

President and Treasurer Marion, Kas., High School Senior Class.

Will study medicine.

J. M. SCHNEIDER, MT. CARROL, ILL.

Cleveland Prize in Oratory (\$25). Vice-President Rogers Debating Society. Winner Inter-society debate.

G. H. WILKINSON, MOMENCE, ILL.

Member Class '98.

Member of University Orchestra. (This is not the mandolin or banjo club. The University Orchestra consists of 18 pieces and renders the most difficult music at its Annual Concerts.)

Will study law.

PAUL SIBERTS, EVANSTON, ILL.

Member Class '99.

1898 Junior Play.

Left-end 2 years N. W. team.

Coached Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Eleven through it's most successful season.

"Siberts is one of the best end men in the West."—Harper's Weekly, Christmas '96.

Will study medicine.

E. E. OLP, KOHOKA, MO.

Secretary to Dr. Fisk, Principal of the Academy.

Prize declaimer Mo. Wesleyan College.

Orator commencement Mo. Wesleyan College.

Valedictorian Mo. Wesleyan College.

Ex-Secretary to State Senator Bass.

Good English writer and has fine business tact.

T. F. MOODY, CANADIAN, TEX.

Inter-Society Debater for Hinman.

Ex-President Y. M. C. A.

President Athenian Literary Society, Ft. Worth, Texas.

First honor in scholarship Ft. W.

N. P. WILLIS, CANADIAN. TEX.

State Orator of Texas (Diamond Medal).

HUGH TILROE, CHICAGO.

Pres. Soph. Class.

Pres. N. W. Association.

Member University Quartette.

Soloist Methodist Church.

First honors in scholarship.

Glee Club.

Hinman Inter-society debater.

Raymond debater.

Captain Championship Class base ball team.

W. G. KENNEY, FORD CO., ILL.

Member Class '99.

Manager and 3rd base '00 base ball club.

Substitute Varsity Eleven.

Won debate Seminary, Onarga, Ill.

Valedictorian Seminary, Onarga, Ill., '96.

Class President Seminary, Onarga, Ill., '96.

Will study Theology.

HARRY SOLENBERGER, POLO, ILL.
One of the best all-round men in University.

G. W. SEAGER, SAVONA, N. Y.

Member class 1900.

Member Epworth League.

Member Y. M. C. A.

President St. James High School Literary Society, '92.

Commencement speaker High School Literary Society, '92.

Will study law.

G. B. GOODWIN, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Class '99.

Member University Mandolin Club.

Member Aida Quartette.

Member University String Orchestra.

President Hinman Literary Society.

Manager Class Play '97.

Class Historian Milwaukee High School.

Rank 2d in class of 100.

Nor. Oratorical League Contestant.

Hinman Oratorical Contest.

Inter-society debater '97.

Will study law.

JOHN WILKINSON, SHELDON, ILL.

Affiliate from Beta Beta, Depauw.

Musician of pronounced ability.

First honors in scholarship in H. S.

President Philomathean Society.

In short the new chapter is represented on foot ball and track team and Athletic Association, among the officers of the Y. M. C. A., in the principal literary societies, having an ex-President, an active Secretary and two Inter-society contestants, as well as two contestants last year. It has a representative on the Syllabus Board, the College Annual, President N. W. Association, which publishes the University Weekly, on all the different musical organizations connected with

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the University, and its members have attended the principal Sorority parties. A high compliment to the chapter's excellence is that it has the best faculty standing of any of its rivals.

The fraternity situation is shown by the following table:

NAME.	DATE.	ACTIVE.
Sigma Chi	1869	17
Phi Kappa Sigma	1872	15
Beta Theta Pi	1873	11
Phi Kappa Psi	1879	10
Delta Upsilon	1880	20
Phi Delta Theta	1886	15
Delta Tau Delta	1893	18
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	1894	19
Sigma Nu	1896	15
		140
Alpha Phi	1881	17
Delta Gamma	1882	9
Kappa Kappa Gamma	1882	16
Kappa Alpha Theta	1887	18
Gamma Phi Beta	1888	14
Pi Beta Phi	1894	13
Delta Delta Delta	1895	12
Woman's Club, (local)	1892	18
		117
Phi Beta Kappa	1890	11
Theta Nu Epsilon	1870	11
Omega Psi	1895	17
Deru, (local Senior Society).	1896	13
		<b>52</b>

About one-third of the men and over one-half of the women are members of fraternities or sororities, or similar organizations. The fraternity spirit is strong at Northwestern, though personal quarrels between members of different fraternities seldom occur. The Gamma Delta Sigma was declared a "good frat" as soon as its existence was formally made known. Its position is thus described:

"The Gamma Delta Sigma does not protest against fraternities as they at present exist at Northwestern, but rather recognizes the fact that there are not enough fraternities here to take in the good men. Prof. Henry S. White said, on looking over the membership list of Gamma Delta Sigma: "I thought these men were all members of fraternities; if they are not, there is certainly room for more fraternities at Northwestern." Prof. Fisk, in consultation with one of our men, said: "The choice of your fraternity is a very important matter, but from what I know of your men, and from what you tell me of your plans, I believe that you have chosen rightly."

To Bro. A. Miller Belfield, (Beta Zeta '93) of Chicago, belongs the credit of projecting the establishment of a charter at Northwestern, as is evidenced by this letter from him:

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 21, '97.

Clarence E. Woods, Esq., Richmond, Ky.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—There is a crowd of fellows at Northwestern University who contemplate petitioning for a charter of Sigma Nu. I know some of them, and so far, am heartily in favor of seeing them admitted.

I would like to know, if you are disposed to make known your inclinations, how you feel toward starting a chapter there. Yours Fraternally,

A. MILLER BELFIELD.

It is needless to say that I answered favorably at once, and, as far as I could officially or personally promote the work, did all in my power to get the petition

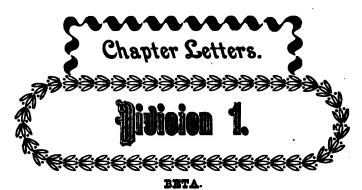
before the Division. At this juncture Bro. Harry P. Junk, our truly excellent Inspector of Division VII, of Columbus, O., took up the work, and he never ceased in his duty until the end crowned the beginning. I have to say in conclusion that I could not have asked a more favorable opening for a chapter of Sigma Nu. The men are ripe in fraternity experience, ambitious, eminently respectable, cultivated, gifted and with a decided moral tone, which I very much admire in all fraternities. I believe that Gamma Beta will be all that its founders and well-wishers hope for it, which, to say the least, is that it shall be the worthy companion of our Beta Pi Chapter, the foremost Greek Letter Fraternity by the "Unsalted Sea."





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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTSVILLE, VA.-A. F. TOOLE.

Though Beta chapter was unable, for certain reasons, to send greeting to her sister chapters in the last Delta, she does so now, and adds the assurance that she is wide awake and steadily pushing forward; a little weak in members, perhaps, but strong in zeal.

Of last year's men we have back Bros. Heiner, Fulton, Doughty, and Collier. This number was made larger by the affiliation of Bro. Burdeau, who brought his share of Beta Phi enthusiasm with him, and of the the present writer, from Lambda. We also delivered up Mr. S. D. Pearce, of Kentucky, to the venerable Beta chapter goat. As Bro. Pearce belonged to the 'Varsity foot ball team, the result was rather disastrous to the goat, but both have recovered; Bro. Pearce continuing to play right tackle on the team, and the goat looking around for new victims.

Bro. Fulton, of last year's team, again made things warm on the gridiron; and Bro. Collier, variously known around this part of America as "Bear," "Pap," and "Cap," lined up at left tackle. As a just reward, "Captain" will follow his name in the line-up of the team of '98.

In other phases of college life, we hope to hold our chapter up prominently before the local Greeks. We

are also working to make our hall more and more attractive for enjoyable Saturday night gatherings. Our number is nearly evenly divided up between the Medical, Law, and Academic departments.

Our roll at present is given below. There will most probably be added to it other names before the session closes:

# CHAPTER ROLL.

Robt. G. Heiner, Washington, D. C. James McG. Fulton, Fort Monroe, Va. Willis H. Doughty, Greenville, Tenn. Harris T. Collier, Memphis, Tenn. J. A. Burdeau, New Orleans, La.

A. F. Toole, Talladega, Ala.

S. D. Pearce, Winchester, Ky.

## LAMBDA.

WASHINGTON AND LEE, LEXINGTON. VA. -ALBERT W. WEBB.

Lambda received the December Deltas and is well pleased with them.

It is with a feeling of greatest regret that I am compelled to say that we lose our best man by graduation, Burr, of Alabama. Bro. Burr entered college last January, taking double course of law, and has always been a credit to his chapter, in the class room standing at the head of his classes, on the athletic field in the forefront as a member of both base ball and foot ball teams. From the first he took a prominent place in college life, and I feel no hesitancy in saying that to-day he is the most popular man in college. He is a true Sigma Nu, upholding the rights and honor of his chapter, of his University, and of his friends. May the blessings of God rest upon aur sister, Theta, that she may continue to produce such Sigs as Burr.

On the night of November 23, Lambda entertained her lady friends in the newly furnished halls. The guests began to arrive about 8:30 and from then until after twelve it was the scene of uninterrupted festivities. When the time for departing came, many and loud were the praises of Lambda and her halls, which are conceded by all to be the prettiest in College.

William L. Doolan has been expelled from this chapter and fraternity.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

B. H. Burr.

C. W. Guthrie.

A., W., Webb.

W. W. Whitside.

J. L. Witz.

E. P. Bledsoe.

T. A. Bledsoe.

W. W. Keyser.

S. P. Preston.

C. N. Roark.

# PSL

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL, N. C.-J. A. CALDWELL.

The spring term opened this year returning to Psi seven men: C. S. Carr, A. Henderson, J. F. Webb, T. F. Klutz, Edward Hill, F. W. Coker and J. A. Caldwell. Bro. Hill was taken in last October and is quite an acquisition to Psi. He is in the Law Department. Bro. Klutz returned since Christmas to take law.

Our prospects for the spring are not promising; indeed, the restrictions seem destined literally to wipe out some of the weaker fraternities. But considering everything, we can not complain.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

C. S. Carr.

Archibald Henderson.

J. F. Webb.

T. F. Klutz.

Edward Hill.

F. W. Coker.

J. A. Caldwell.

## BETA TAU.

NORTH CABOLINA A. AND M., BALEIGH. N C.—CHAS. PEARSON, 22 PULLEN BLDG

Though Beta Tau began the college year with only three old men, she has made herself felt in college life and her faithful three, Lamb, Huggins and Wood, have held her banner high. Through trying circumstances and against great odds, these three, not burying their talents, but showing them, have brought three others; and on December 11th, our old goat was turned loose and J. B. Hall, Jr., J. C. Skinner and A. A. Vaughn were initiated into the sacred mysteries and broader life of Sigma Nu. And worthy men are they! Men of character and earnestness of purpose, men who will make their marks in college life and in after life, men worthy to live the life and carry the banner of our beloved order!

Bro. Bryan, who was compelled to withdraw from college last year and go North for his health, is with us again and will re-enter college after Christmas. This will give us seven good men actively in the field, and with Bro. Holladay, who has returned from a stay of several months in Richmond, Va., and will be in town until the spring, we hope to add largely to our chapter roll. There is plenty of good material in college and our prospects are bright, but as a number of boys here are pledged to other fraternities, we have to be careful.

Bro. Walter Murphy, Psi, now a practicing attorney at Salisbury, N. C., paid the chapter a short visit, being in town on legal business before the Supreme Court, and Bro. George Stephens, whose insurance business brings him here sometimes, has been with us and promises to come often this winter.

The boys are all deep in Christmas examinations and thoughts of happy Christmas feasting at home, so with "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" for every brother Sigma Nu, Beta Tau rests for the fun to come and will be with you in '98.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

H. A. Huggins.

F. C. Lamb.

Ed. Wood, Jr.

J. B. Hall, Jr.

J. C. Skinner.

A. M. Vaughn.



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY, P. O., ALA.—B. P. POWELLA

After spending the pleasant Christmas holidays at home all of our boys returned with the exception of Bro. F. W. Mitchell, who resigned college. Theta regrets the loss of Bro. Mitchell very much, but we were fortunate in securing three fine young men from Clayton, G. W. Andrews, P. H. Alston and H. L. Jennings. These three men entered the Sophomore class and we feel sure that they will lead this class.

G. W. Andrews joined the Sigs at Howard College and we heartily welcomed his affiliation with us.

Alston had two brothers to graduate at this school a few years ago, who were Sigs and also made records worthy of men. We deem these three men a great addition to our chapter.

Theta expects a prosperous new year and sending greetings to her sister chapters wishes the same for them.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

J. W. Altman.

Walter Flowers.

Malcom Gillis.

Will Hester.

Vernon Hope.

Corinne Leslie.

B. P. Powell.

Herron Rainer.

T. L. Stevens.

J. W. Blair.

M. N. Eley.

W. D. Hays.

W. E. Hollingsworth.

E. F. Moody.

O. W. Sibert.

# PHI.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BATON BOUGE, LA.--J. S. WASHBURN.

The State University opened December 1, under unfavorable conditions this year, owing to the prevalence of yellow fever in the Southern States. But we hope to make up some of the lost time by extending the session into vacation and by doing hard, steady work throughout the entire session.

Up to the present date, out of the old chapter only Bros. T. L. Sherburne, W. C. Youngs, S. A. Gourrier, J. L. Young, L. J. Williams and J. S. Washburn have returned; also Bro. Wood Lee, who graduated last session. The ones not yet returned are Hughes and Don Arrighi, Marion Ledbetter and Carrol Vance. We hear that Hughes and Donnie are in business in Natchez.

The honors conferred this year are thus: T. L. Sherburne, 1st Lieutenant and Business Manager of the L. S. U. Reveille: W. C. Youngs, 1st Sgt. and member of the Reveille editorial staff; L. J. Williams, 3rd





Sgt.; and J. S. Washburn, 3rd Sgt.

Our foot ball season has been injured for this session, but on the first day the remaining members of the old eleven were hunting up their suits and seemed ready to do as much work as possible in the limited season.

We have this year an unusually large number of new boys, but very few of them will go over the restrictions that prevent a man from being taken in till in the Sopomore year.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

- S. A. Gourrier, Baton Rouge, La.
- T. L. Sherburne, Baton Rouge, La.
- J. S. Washburn, Gibsland, La.
- L. J. Williams, Baton Rouge, La.
- J. L. Young, Baton Rouge, La.
- W. C. Youngs, Boutte, La.

## BETA PHI.

TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW OBLEANS, LA, H. H. GATES.

The opening of Beta Phi was seriously delayed on account of the epidemic of yellow fever, which invaded this section of our Stateduring the summer, but we are all together once more, each with an ardent desire to make up his studies which were necessarily hindered. They are none the less lacking in fraternity zeal, and all entered greetings to the High Council and to sister chapters. We have a good attendance and with our Dr. Dyer to keep us in the right track, Beta Phi ought to accomplish a great deal.

Bro. C. S. Clark, of Beta Theta, is also with us, but as yet has not affiliated with our chapter. Bros. T. Sholars, Fred Lyons, Arthur Shepherd, F. C. Claiborne, H. Upton, and Dr. Dyer, of course, are frequently at our meetings. Our worthy Grand Treasurer, H. M. Furman, has also honored us with his presence. Bro. Arthur Shepherd has generously invi-

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ted the boys to meet at his father's residence the next time, which will be to morrow night. Of course we accepted and our anticipations are running high. In justice to Phi chapter, I would request that the Grand Recorder correct error in last edition of Delta "Beta Phi Honored" should be "Phi Honored."

Bro. J. A. Burdeau is at at the University of Virginia. Bro. Slicer will not return. We have heard that Bro. J. B. Letcher joined the army of benedicts shortly after he graduated.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

- J. G. Skipwith, Historian, Law.
- J. S. Boatner, President '99, Academic.
- W. Alex Robertson, '99 Academic.
- P. S. Gidiere, Secretary '99.
- R. G. Bush, Captain '01 foot ball, Academic. Sterling Nott, Law.
- W. M. Yandall, Secretary '98, Medical.
- R. J. Praether, '98, Medical.
- J. W. Johnson, '99, Medical.
- H. H. Gates, '99, Medical.
- L. A. Sholars, Treasurer, Law.

# BETA THETA.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, AUBURN, ALA.-F W. HARE.

The Christmas holidays are over and all of Beta Theta's men have returned possessed with an enthusiastic desire to upbuild the chapter.

In some respects we are conceited enough to think that our small chapter could not be improved upon, but in others we are, of course, open to improvement.

The thing for which we are most noted, and upon which we justly pride ourselves, is the most excellent good fellowship of our members and the high regard and esteem in which they are held by their fellow students.

Our chapter very much enjoyed having Bro. W. T.

Westcott, of Montgomery, with us for several days this fall. Although Bro. Westcott is an alumnus of Theta of some years standing, he has not lost any of his old interest and enthusiasm in the fraternity. He attended our meetings and entertained us by his talks about college and fraternity life fifteen years ago, and the pride he took in the rapid growth and prestige of Sigma Nu.

Two of Beta Theta's charter members were married during the month of December. Bro. Ed McKay brings his bride from the mountains of North Carolina and Bro. Jesse Culver from Tennessee. It was our pleasure to see them both while they were in Alabama on their bridal trips, but we were not so fortunate as to meet their wives.

It will be remembered that some time ago we announced the marriages of J. V. Brown and F. A. Fulghum, of this chapter, and it will be of interest to those who know these worthy brothers that both their homes have been blessed with robust young daughters. We hope that some day each of these pretty girls may wear the gold, white and black upon their fair bosoms at Auburn Commencements as their mothers did before them.

Beta Theta is well under way for '98 and wishes her sister chapters a pleasant and prosperous year.

CHAPTER ROLL.

W. K. Armstrong.

H. M. Fenn.

F. W. Hare.

J. H. Jones.

J. P. Jones.

B. O. Minge. C. W. Stewart.

M. C. Wright.

W. L. Anderson.

J. D. Foy.

J. M. Steiner.

J. E. Foy, Jr.

E. H. Foy.

#### UPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN .- J. HARRAL BOOTH.

It is with pleasure that Upsilon greets her sister chapters once again. The college year opened with Bros. Shaw, Barry, Simpkins, and Amerman rushing through the corridors of the University of Texas, in search of those whom they might devour. Bros. Davis, Deaton, and the writer fell into the clutches of this ravenous quartette and now there are seven blood-thirsty Sigs instead of four. This chapter is in a thriving condition, and the probabilities are, that there will be several more initiations after Christmas.

Judging by the actions, and that far-away look in the eyes of some of the brothers, I think we are going to have a sister for every brother this year.

For the last three weeks the brothers have been working, as examinations will commence in a few days. Bro. Shaw was not with us at the last meeting, as he is suffering from a relapse of that disease known as the denque fever, which is so common to our southern climate but we trust that he will be with us when we meet again.

At the initiatory banquet of Bros. Davis, Deaton, and Booth, Dr. E. A. Blount, a worthy Sig., of Monterey, Mexico, and Prof. Schoch, of the University of Texas honored the board by their presence.

Bro. Simkins was elected president of the Sophomore class this year, and Bro. Amerman fills the office of secretary for the Athletic Association. Athletics are in a thriving condition in the University of Texas, this year and the penant of victory is almost within our grasp.

Bros. Carter, Frost, and Henshaw are not with us this year. Bro. Carter is practing law in Marlin, Tex; Bro. Henshaw is connected with the Long Distance Telephone Company, of Waco, Texes, and Bro. Frost, of San Antonia, Texas, will enter Princeton next year.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

- A. E. Amerman, Huston, Texas.
- H. A. Shaw, Austin, Texas.
- J. S. Simpkins, Corcicana, Texas.
- F. B. Barry, Paris, Texas.
- R. I. Davis, Austin, Texas.
- H. Deaton, Paris, Texas.
- J. H. Booth, Denison, Texas.



CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, RICHMOND, KY .- V. I. WITHERSPOON.

Since Zeta's last letter appeared in the Delta, little of interest, either in college or fraternity circles, has taken plac. This the time of the year when almost all college affairs seem to be in a dormant state.

Much to our sorrow, Bros. Page, Alexander and McMakin did not return after Christmas. Bro. Page is in Texrs, Bro. Alexander at his home in Glasgow, and Bro. McMakin is in Shelbyville. To add to our misfortune in the loss of these brothers, Bro. Duff left in January for his home in Glasgow to prosecute his law studies under the direction of his father, Hon. Geo. T. Duff, who is one of the ablest lawers of Southern Kentucky. We were indeed sorry to part with them, for many tender recollections linger around the pleasant associations we had together. At each meeting, the four empty chairs remind us of our loss and we wish, but in vain, that the absent ones were once more in their accustomed places.

At the contest on February 22, we had two repre-

sentatives, Bros. Pickels and Little, and although neither was successful in gaining the award, we were indeed proud of their efforts, which were certainly very credicable.

In the recent elections of the senior class, Brother Pickels, after a warm contest, was elected class Prophet and Bro. Witherspoon has the honor of being an Associate Editor of the Cream and Creamson, the annual. Bro. Witherspoon is the Managing Editor of the Central News, the college weekly and Bro. Little has been chosen as one of the representatives of the Philalethean Union on the Inter-Society Debate, which takes place in March.

It has been our good fortune to pledge Messrs. William C. Hanna and Geo Stoner, two men whom we think will make us excellent faternity men. Mr. Hanna was pledged, only after a hard fight with one of our rivals.

We were much gratified to receive an interesting interesting and instructive letter, from the most Eminent Regent, Bro. Robinson, whose advice and counsel are at the same time a source of admiration and profit to us. His zeal for the good of Sigma Nu, his general interest in the chapters, and pure and unaffected love for the fraternity, all shine out as illustrious examples of the elements which constitute the true Sigma Nu.

It is our pleasure to have the constant companionship of the Grand Recorder, Bro. Woods, who has has done so much for Zeta in particular and the fraternity in general. He is spending the prime of his life in work for Sigma Nu and we can not but add a word of tribute to such pure and unselfish devotion to the cause he loves. It is a sure and unmistakable sign of the growing prosperity of Sigma Nu, that the duties of the Grand Recorder are increasing rapidly and the work connected with that office is growing more arduous every day. Bro. Woods, in addition to his work as editor of one of the best papers in the Blue Grass, performs

these duties with a fidelity and devotion worthy of emulation on the part of every fraternity man.

We have that prince of Sigs with us frequently, J. Robert Boatman, who is known throughout the fraternity as Sigma Nu's delegate-at-large. His work for the fraternity entitles him to the lasting gratitude of all. (See his photo elsewhere.)

Zeta extends the hand of hearty fellowship to Gamma Beta and welcomes the new chapter into the ranks of the followers of the Five-Armed Star. The fraternity is certainly to be congratulated upon the acquisition of such a body of men as they are.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

Cyrus C. Addams.
T. Hood Little.
Harry M. Logan.
Thomas H. Pickels.
William S. Tucker.
Joseph Glass Venable.
Vernon I. Witherspoon.

#### SIGMA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN .- W. G. DINNING.

## OMICRON.

BETHEL COLLEGE, RUSSELLVILLE, KY .- J. H. E. ROSAMOND.





RHO.

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA, MO -A C. BUSH.

She second semester has fairly begun here at M. S. U. and study is the order of the day. With the memory of examinations so fresh in their minds, the freshmen especially are loud in their resolves to do better work the next half year. All managed to pull through the late examinations, some with credit and some with narrow margins, but those of our members who are not in the first rank as students excel in other lines, social, athletic, etc.

Since our last letter we have initiated two new men: Mr. Arthur Bassett, of Paris, Mo., is a sophomore, a good student, an active worker in University politics, and a man well worthy of our badge.

W. W. Garth, Jr., is our newest and youngest member. He comes from a Sigma Nu family, and it is one of the good old families of Columbia. He is an enthusiastic worker and will make a fine rusher, while his splendid home will be more than ever a stronghold for Sigma Nu.

We have another reason for self-congratulation in the return of Bro. Barnes, one of the best men in school, who was compelled to miss the first semester of this year. Nor must I fail to mention our three new sisters who are the handsomest and loveliest of this season's debutantes.

Very few honors have been distributed since the last issue of the Delta. Bro. Harris won the local

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oratorical contest and represented the University in the State contest, where he won second place. This is a splendid record, and although we had ground for hope that he would represent Missouri in the Inter-State contest we are very proud of the place he gained. We have two men on the preliminary for the Missouri-Nebraska debate and expect to have a place among the final representatives.

Our foot ball team was not a great success, but the management did much to replenish a depleted treasury. Bro. Dewey received a vote of thanks from the Athletic Association and was unanimously endorsed for manager next year.

Base ball practice has begun and four Sigma Nu's are candidates for places. Dewey is the best player in the University. Doyle was a substitute last year, while Mosman and Robertson are our foot ball men who will try for for honors in base ball as well

We were glad to hear frem Bro. Woods that the chapter at Northwestern was established, and hope to hear a more extended account in this DELTA. Have we not carried the idea of conservatism a little too far? In our determination to keep out of secondary schools have we not failed to make sufficient effort to enter the first-class colleges and universities? Nebraska and Minnesota Universities are comparatively new and are not crowded with fraternities. Should we not make a determined effort to enter these before the older fraternities become too firmly established, own chapter houses, and thus put a new chapter at a disadvantage?

There are nine fraternities here with membership as follows: Phi Delta Theta 18, Sigma Alpha Epsilon 18, Beta Theta Pi 13, Kappa Alpha 14, Sigma Chi 15, Phi Delta Phi about 15, Theta Nu Epsilon about 12, Kappa Kappa Gamma 10, and Sigma Nu 19. Our strongest rival is Phi Delta Theta. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is strong in number and they have good men,

but they fail to count for as much in University affairs as they should be able to do. Our old rivals, the Betas, have lost their former prestige. Kappa Alpha and Sigma Chi have younger chapters and have not yet overcome their disadvantage.

We have just started a move to purchase the home where we now live. It was built for us two years ago by Bro. Niedermeyer. For the results of our effort look in the next DELTA.

# NOTES.

Bro. Noggle paid the chapter a short visit last week.

Bro. McCullough of Montana made his usual Christmas visit to Missouri and to Columbia. He is still an enthusiastic Sigma Nu.

Bro. Cosgrove came over from Boonville before Christmas and has written to us since. "Cos" is a unique character and will make his mark among Missouri lawyers.

Bro. J. E. Forman, '99, is studying engineering at Washington, D. C.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

Barnes, Clarence E. McReynolds, Allen Bassett, Arthur Mossman, B. N. Bush, A. C. McReynolds, J. W. Dewey, C. E. Robertson, Alvin Doyle, H. S. Rutherford, H. H. Garth, W. W., Jr. Plowman, J. L. Harris, F. G. Peak, J. L. Hall, J. C. Schofield, M. C. Woolridge, J. H. Hunter, S. O. Houck, Gibbony

## BETA MU.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, IOWA CITY, IOWA .- WALTER S. ANKENEY.

Beta Mu again sends greeting to the fraternal world and begs leave to assure it that she is still

healthful and active and doing business at the old stand.

Since our chapter roll was last published four names have been added to the list and each is the title of a true and loyal Sigma Nu. They are A. W. Crary, Palmrich E. Johannsen, L. A. Benham and George Allin. Brothors Crary and Johannsen are not back this term, the former being engaged in reading law at his home in Boone, Iowa, and the latter having been admitted to the bar has hung out his shingle in Walnut, Iowa.

On the 23d of last November we all appeared upon the campus in hats displaying the Sigma Nu colors after a fashion designed by Brother Consigny. This was a very effective way of introducing our new brothers to the student body and our example was at once followed by two other fraternities and by a dozen other

organizations.

For attempting to prevent Freshmen from attending their banquet twenty-three Sophomores have recently been indefinitely suspended. One of the fraternities here lost six members by this event and another lost four; we were fortunate enough to escape altogether. Brother Ed S. Smith '97, has been paying us a visit of a couple of weeks and made the hearts of Sigma Nu's beat fast. He goes from here to Laurel, Miss., and will spend several months in the Gulf States Bro. Eli Grimes was also here for a few days.

## CHAPTER ROLL.

George R. Allin.

W. S. Ankeney.

Louis A. Benham.

E. F. Consigny.

R. H. Dean.

W. V. Eberhart.

H. P. Engle.

C. C. Hetzer.

E. E. Hobby.

T. W. Klingenberg.

L. P. Lee.

C. W. Startsman.

Fred. Henry Witt.

#### BETA XI.

WM JEWELL COLLEGE, LIBERTY, MO.-C. E. RENDLEN.

The season of spiking is over, and although Beta Xi has not initiated any one since our last letter she has not ceased in her efforts to advance the cause of Sigma Nu, and Wm. Jewell continues to be a stronghold of the frat we love. Honors have not ceased to come to our members; among those recently bestowed upon us being the election of Bro. Pew as one of the representatives of the college in the annual debate with Park College.

At Sedalia, on December 3, Wm. Jewell's orator won first place in the inter-collegiate oratorical contest, and thus represents Missouri in the Inter-state contest to be held in Wisconsin. Consequently the committeeman of one college, Bro. Creel, is State Committeeman, an honor greatly sought after by Missouri collegians.

Eight of our chapter attended the Inter-collegiate oratorical contest and returned "chuck full" of en husiam and prouder than ever of Sigma Nu. About twenty-five Sigs were assembled; representatives being present from all Missouri chapters. After the contest an informal meeting was held in one of the rooms of the hotel which was greatly enjoyed. The wearers of the five-armed star in Missouri are noble fellows of whom the fraternity may well be proud.

The chapter has been visited by Bro. Turnbaugh, who is studying in St. Louis; Bro. Barley, at present a pedagogue at Lathrop, Mo.; Bro. Coleman, who is at his home in Springfield, Mo.; and Bro. Will Carter, who is located at Breckinridge, Mo. Bro. Will Holland, one of the first initiates of Beta Xi, returned to college after Christmas. He is one of the most enthusiastic members we have ever had and is an alumnus that does not forget his fraternity.

Beta Xi has been promised a visit by Bro. C. Jack Steward, of Kappa, who has recently located in Kansas City. We are glad to learn of tois brother's arrival in our locality, and hope that wherever a Sig is in Kansas City, he will not forget that a chapter of his fraternity is at liberty where he will find true friends and brothers and a hearty welcome.

The fraternities here are Phi Gamma Delta with 3 members; Kappa Sigma 9; Kappa Alpha 11, and Sigma Nu 14.

### CHAPTER ROLL

- C. B. Burkhart.
- J. R. Creel.
- T. J. Copeland.
- C. C. Fristo.
- F. D. Hamilton.
- W. R. Holland.
- G. D. Hancock.
- H. P. O'Rourke.
- J. B. Pew.
- W. E. Petty.
- E. M. Porter.
- C. E. Rendlen.
- W. A. Shelton.
- J. L. Spencer.

NU.

# UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE, KAN.-GEO. GRIMES.

I cannot say that Nu chapter entered the year of '97-'98 under the most favorable circumstances, having lost seven men, five by graduation and two not returning to school.

The seven remaining members met in our Hall on September 18th, to again take up the work with more vigor and energy than last year. At this first meeting the following officers were elected:

Brother Noyes, Commander.

- " Maggard, Lieutenant Commander.
- " Steele, Recorder.
- " Sanderson, Treasurer.
- " Grimes, Reporter.
- " Upham, Marshal.

Although the attendance at the University has greatly increased over the last year's, yet the number of desirable "frat" men are few in comparison. But the members of Nu are determined to conduct her share of the spoils across the threshold of the Fratdom to the altars of Sigma Nu.

In regard to the brother; who are absent this year I can say: .Bro. Arthur S. I alloon is in his father's law office at Hiawatha, Kansas; Bro. William Hancock has a position in California; Bro. Eldon Armstrong is attending the Kansas City School of Pharmacy at Kansas City, Mo.; Bro. William Morison is book keeper in the Citizen State Bank at Centralia, Kansas; Bro. Robt. Everett is editor of the Appleton City Herald at Appleton, Mo.; Bro. Harold Blackshire is at home resting a year before entering the law school at Columbia, New York.; Bro. William McMurry is Principal of the Public Schools at Bellview, Kansas.

We extend her congratulations to Bro. Arthur Mc-

Murry, who was married last October.

Bro. Sanderson played tackle on the foot-ball team during the first of the season but had to withdraw on

account of having to carry extra studies.

October 30th marks a date not only to be long remembered by K. S. U., but also by the members of Nu Chapter. On this day we defeated Iowa University 53 to 0. In the evening we held a smoker in the Hall for our visiting Brothers, who were: Bro. Klingenberg, of Beta Mu, the tackle on the Iowa team; Bro. V. H. Crusselle, of Atlanta, Ga. We spent the evening smoking, discussing the foot-ball game, and telling frat stories and experiences.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

Delano T. Maggard, '99, Oxford, Kan. John C. Sanderson, '99, Rich Hill, Mo. Franklin J. Weilep, '99, Galena, Kan. Alfred H. Noyes, '98, Lawrence, Kan. George Newhall Upham, '00, Coffeyville, Kan. H. E. Steele, '98, Maize, Kan. Geo. D. Grimes, '99, Hiawatha, Kan. Geo. N. Waldo, '99, pledged.



LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA-RUSSELL M. CLARK.

Pi sends greetings and wishes for every success to her sister chapters. She has a very favorable report to make, considering the circumstances. Although the outlook was most disheartening at the opening of the present collegiate year, her prospects have steadily grown and brightened.

We have, thus far, initiated eight new men, nearly all of whom were sought by other fraternities. Besides, we confidently expect to pledge more in the near future. Of our new brothers, McCarty, Clark and Gearhart are all on the 'Varsity foot ball team.

We have had several visits from our alumni brothers. Bro. Good, '97, was with us for ten days in September, and, since then, Bros. Bannon, '95; Petrikin, '96, and Chasmar, '97, have each paid us a visit.

Bro. Callaghan is still with us and is still the same loyal Sig that he always was. Pi considers herself fortunate because he was appointed Inspector of our division to succeed Bro. Chasmar, who resigned.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

Russell Clark, Bradford, Pa.
Frank B. Gearhart, Altcona, Pa.
E. Percival Jump, Easton, Md.
John J. Nolan, Carbondale, Pa.
A. Raymond Laubenstein, Ashland, Pa.
Frederick H. Groff, Rome, N. Y.
W. Thomas McCarthy, Rome, N. Y.
J. P. Martin, Plymouth, Pa.

#### BETA RHO.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA—R. E. LONGWELL 4445 CHESTNUT STREET



MU.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, ATHENS, GA.-HUGH II. WHITE.

Mu opened this year with six men, a rather small number in comparison with the men returned by the other fraternities. In a few days, however, we were strengthened by the affiliation of Bro. Ware G. Martin, Leesburg, Ga., who hails from Kappa. A little later, Bro. W. L. Kemp, our efficient Division Inspector, came over to mark how a few years' time had affected the impressive character of Mu's goat, before whose horns he had himself led not a few trembling victims. The fun began, and, when it was over, the chapter roll of Mu had been increased by the following initiates:

M. Van McKibben, '01, Jackson, Ga. Earle Anderson, '01, Washington, Ga. John A. Scruggs, '01, Valdosta, Ga. Raiford Falligant, '00, Savanah, Ga. W. Ernest Watkins, '00, Jackson, Ga. Edwin B. Vail, '00, Atlanta, Ga. Duncan Kent, Law, Savanah, Ga. Chas. G. Edwards, Law, Daisy, Ga. J. R. Walker, Law, Blacksheer, Ga. C. L. Smith, Law, Valdosta, Ga. W. Crawley, Law, Waycross, Ga.

The chapter regretted very much to lose Bro. Jas. B. Kendrick just before the holidays by his acceptance of a position in his home town, Dawson, Ga. Jimmie,

as the boys called him, was one of our affiliates from Kappa and he has done some good work for Mu.

Though early in the college year, Mu's men are beginning to get their "fingers in the pie." On the fall Field Day, Bro. Walker won the running broad-jump; Bro. Falligant came second in the bicycle race, and Bro. Clem Akerman second in the half-mile run. Bro. Alfred Akerman was recently elected Editor-in-chief of the Red and Black, the college weekly, so that, now, Mu has an Editor-in-chief on each of the college publications. Bro. Chas. Edwards was a successful competitor in the recent gold medal oratorical contest. Bro. Ernest Watkins was recently elected a member of the University Glee Club.

Bro. Joe Killorin was with us a few days just after the opening of college. The boys regretted very much that he could not stay. Mu was glad to have with her one of her old and much esteemed men, Bro. Dee Mc-Cutchen, at the first of the college term, also Bro. Billy Fender later in the year.

### CHAPTER ROLL.

Akerman, A. Akerman, Clem. Akerman, Chas. Anderson, Earle. Crawley, W. F. Edwards, C. G. Falligant, R. Kent. Duncan. Martin, W. G. McKey, T. M. McKibben, M. V. Scruggs, J. A. Smith, C. L. Vail, E. B. Walker, J. R. Watkins, W. E. White, H. H.

#### RTA

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MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON, GA.- J. CLAUDE SALES.

On the 22nd of last September, Mercer University began her eightieth year, and, never before, has this grand old institution realized such a prosperous present and flattering future. Very nearly three hundred energetic, enthusiastic and splendid young men compose her student body. "Work!" is our motto. Each student seems to realize that he has a part to play—a duty to perform—and he to do it well. In this race toward wisdom's goal, though it be a hard one, the boys who wear the five-armed star are at the front—leading!

Even before college opened, fourteen loyal Sigs who left Eta's halls last June had returned, re-organized and reconsecrated themselves to the work they love. When this was done they began to form the acquaintances of the new boys hoping to meet some one whom they deemed worthy to honor by inviting him to become a brother Sig. The result was that six young men were invited and six young men showed their wisdom in accepting the invitation. I am glad to present such enthusiastic young Sigs as Brothers Harris, Goodwyn, Paullin, George, Copeland and Sales.

As for honors, Sigma Nu has been distinguished above any other frat. In the class organizations we hold some of the most important places:

Bro. Mason is Secretary and Treasurer of the Senior Class.

Bro. Jester is Historian for the Junior Class.

Bro. Stephens is President of the Sophomore Class.

Bros. Sammons and Bobbitt are Historian and Secretary respectively for the same class.

We have not been forgotten by the Literary Societies:

Bro. Moncrief, of the Senior Class, is Universarian from the Ciceronlan.

Bro. Jolly, also of the Senior Class, is one of the champion debaters from the Phi Delta.

Bro. Stephens was "Orator of Founders Day," from the Ciceronian. His speech was very fine indeed, and greatly commended by all who heard it.

We are sorry to announce that Bros. Cruselle, Harris and Goodwyn were called away from college. They are are all loyal Sigs and we miss them greatly. Bro. Campbell, who was graduated from Mercer a few years ago, is now talking a Course in Law and meets with us once in a while.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

W. F. George, Arabi, Ga.

K. R. Bobbitt, Doles, Ga.

T. C. Kendrick, Willett, Ga.

Gordan Clason, Donaldsville, Ga.

J. R. Jester, Monticello, Ga.

Jesse Jolly, Jackson, Ga.

A. B. Moncrief, Fort Valley, Ga.

O. T. Monterief, Macon, Ga.

J. E. Sammons, Godfrey, Ga.

Henry Simpson, Smithville, Ga.

George Simpson, Smithville, Ga.

S. E. Stephens, Ball Grand, Ga.

P. H. Ray, Fort Gaines, Ga.

J. E. Paullin, Jr., Fort Gaines, Ga.

A. G. Overton, Union Point, Ga.

Z. W. Copeland, McDonough, Ga.

J. C. Sales, Fletcher, N. C.

# KAPPA.

NORTH GEORGIA A. & M. COLLEGE, DAHLONEGA, GA .-- N. C. NAPIER, JR.

Since our last letter to the DELTA we have initiated four strong men into our chapter, and we now number ten men, with the prospect of increasing our number by several more after the Christmas holidays. The four men initiated are: W. M. Smith, Mark A. Pal-

mour, George L. Patterson and Ira O. Parker.

Bro. Smith is a member of the Sophomore class, stands high with the faculty, and in the literary society. He is from Augusta, Ga. Bro. Palmour entered the Freshman class this year, and was making a fine mark, but for the last month has been at his home in Gainsville, recuperating his health. He is a nephew of Bro. O. Palmour who graduated here in 1896, and who now is adjunct Professor of Mathematics. Mark has very much endeared himself to us, and we all wish him an early return to school. Bro. Patterson is from Cumming, Ga., and entered Freshman this year. He is an excellent student and is making a fine mark. Bro. Parker hails from Millen, Ga., and is taking a Business Course. He is a cousin of that staunch Sig, Bro. Sid O. Parker, and is making a good record.

The promotions in the battalion for the school year of '97-'98 were announced last month and the Sigs certainly received their share of honor. Bro. F. S. Price was promoted to Cadet Major; Bro. Gaillard to Captain, Company A.; Bro. Peacock to First Serg., C mpany A.; Bro. Harris to Second Lieut., Company A.; Bro. Smith to Second Lieut. Co. B.; Bro. Parker to Second Ser. Co. A.; Bro. Palmour to Third Corp., Co. B.; and Bro. Patterson to Second Corp., Co. A. These promotions speak well for our standing in the battalion.

In the literary societies, the worth of the Sigs has been recognized as the following will show: Brother Peacock was President of the Decora Society for the first half of the fall term, and Bro. Harris was elected for the second half. Bro. Smith was elected on the Open Debate and Bro. Peacock on the Public Debate of the same society. In the Phi Mu, Bro. Parker was elected a speaker on the Open Debate and Salutatorian of the Public Debate.

But I have saved the most delightful thing for the last. That is to chronicle the elegant receptions that

were given to Kappa Chapter by those devoted Sigs, Mrs. Charters and Mrs. Craig, sisters to our Brother Price. Each member was there with a fair sister Sig, and every one who has been there know what delightful times can be had with such surroundings. At each reception, our reluctancy to depart testified better than words could, to our lasting appreciation of an enjoyable evening.

#### CHAPTER ROLL

- B. P. Gaillard, Jr.
- N. C. Napier, Jr.
- B. G. Parks.
- B. L. Peacock.
- F. S. Price.
- S. A. Harris.
- M. A. Palmour.
- I. O. Parker.
- G. L. Patterson.
- W. M. Smith.

#### XI.

### EMORY COLLEGE, OXFORD, GA .- J. B. HOYL.

The fall term of Emory is now at about a close, ond each and every member of Xi Chapter looks back over the four month's college work with a degree of satisfaction to himself, and the cause of Sigma Nu.

We now number eighteen worthy men, having initiated into the loyal bonds of Sigma Nuism (since my previous letter) two men: Mr. G. H. Lowe, Macon, Ga., and Mr. W. G. Wellborn, Wellston, Ga. These brothers are of the first families of the State, prominent men in the Freshman class, in college life; and it is with pleasure we introduce them to our "Sig Bros."

We are ably represented in every class in college, and have active members in the Literary Societies. The indications now are that our Bro. Mann (though yet a Junior) will be chosen as one of the Champion Debators from Phi Gamma Society in January. Bro. Wade was elected President and Bro. Anderson Treasurer of that society; and your scribe is to be one of the representatives of Few in the February debate between the societies.

Bro. Anderson is one of the well-known athletes in college and is Vice President of the Emory College Athletic Association, and Senior Captain of the gymnasium. Bro. Singleton was elected Historian of the Freshman class. Bro. Wade will represent us as Editor of the Zodiac—the College Annual—and will have charge of the Literary department.

Bro. R. H. Morris, Xi '98, came up from Monti cello, where has charge of a flourishing school, a month since, and paid us a pleasant visit.

Before going to our homes to enjoy the holidays, we will celebrate our departure by giving a banquet on the the evening of the 18th in our Club Rooms.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

- C. L. Anderson.
- I. J. Chandler.
- W. C, Ham.
- T. S. Knight.
- B. F. Mann.
- W, F. McAfee.
- J. A. Mershon.
- F. C. Moor.
- A. H. Odum.
- W. M. Wade.
- J. G. Wilson.
- J. A. Bush, Jr.
- J. B. Hoyl.
- H. M. Reid.
- F. G. Rush.
- A. L. Singleton.

#### GAMMA ALPHA.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA, GA .-- 8. A. BULLOCH.

Gamma Alpha has spent a pleasant Christmas and hopes that such has been the case with the sister chapters. With the beginning of the New Year weall start out with renewed energies and the intention of keeping all our good resolutions. Let us see to it then, that none of our resolutions are broken, and we will, indeed, have a prosperous and happy year. If we would only follow this out for one year, and then look back and see what had been accomplished, I dare say it would be easy enough to continue it in the future.

We are glad to say that we have three more newly made Sigs to introduce to you all.

Bro. Will T. Hines is the first I introduce. He was initiated just in time to be too late for the announcement to be made in the last issue of the Delta. Bro. Hines is from Milledgeville, Ga., and comes from one of the most prominent families of the state. Although he had near relatives in another Frat., yet he acted wisely and cast his lot with us. He is rapidly developing into an energetic frater and will be a shinng light in Sigma Nu circles.

I next introduce Bro. James Markley, of Atlanta, Ga. He has the honor of being the least man in our chapter—remember, I mean the least in stature. "Billie" Kemp, whom all Sigs and many others as well know and love, has the honor of being Bro. Markley's cousin. Bro. Markley is a very energetic young man and stands well in his class.

Last but not least comes Bro. Mack Hardwick, of Dalton, Ga. This is an unusal season for "spiking" to be at such a fever heat, but; nevertheless, for the last week every frat. in college has been busily engaged. When the struggle was over and the smoke cleared away, Sigma Nu had another victory to her credit. Bro. Hardwick, whom we initiated at our last meeting

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into the mysteries of Sigma Nu, is the young man that has been rushed so much by every frat here. He is a nephew of Bro. C. D. McCutchen, Jr., who is now at the University of Ga.

We regret that Bro. Betts has left us. He is at present taking a business course in Atlanta.

Gamma Alpha will soon be in her new quarters. We are always glad to have our alumni visit us, and it is to make it more convenient for them, as well as for ourselves, that we make the change. We hope to have more of them to come to see us in the future.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

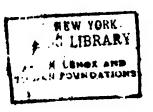
C. M. Binford,
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S. T. Bulloch,
J. C. Crawford,
J. P. Gairdner,
Mack Hardwick,
Weldon Henley,
Will T. Hines,

Thomas D. Killian, James Markley, A. J. Robertson, Chas. T. Rudolph, H. L. Rudolph, Robt. T. Waller, Jr. Frank Wright.





Geo. M. Cook





# CALL FOR CONVENTION SEVENTH DIVISION.

The following is a copy of the circular issued by the Inspector of the Seventh Division:

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Feb. 12, 1898.

My Dear Brothers:

The time is at hand when we should be planning for the success of the Seventh Division Convention to be held at Bloomington, Indiana. The time this Convention shall convene is not yet fixed. The Constitution provides that the officers and Executive Board shall determine the time of the meeting of the Association, when not fixed by the Association itself.

Have your Chapter elect a member of the Executive Board at once, if you have not already done so, and instruct that member to send me by March 1st, his vote as to the time preferred by your Chapter for holding this convention. I would suggest that the time be some Friday and Saturday during the month of May.

Read carefully the Constitution of this Association to be found in the mid-summer Delta for 1896, and note particularly Article Eleven which provides: "This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting Convention, provided such alteration has been submitted in writing to each of the Chapters of the Association, at least four weeks before being voted upon."

How are you making it financially? Will it not be possible for you to report to this Convention that all your obligations to the Grand Chapter are paid?

I shall be very grateful to you for any suggestions you might have to offer, intended to insure the success of this meeting. Give it some thought my dear brothers, for we should strive to make this Division a power in framing, guiding and directing the policy of Sigma Nu, thus bringing credit upon our Division, as well as doing much good for our dear fraternity.

Hoping to hear from you soon, believe me, sincerely and fraternally, HARRY P. JUNK, Inspector.

### BETA ZETA.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, LAFAYETTE, IND .- J. J. WISELOGEI ..

The opening of the new year finds Purdue University in point of numbers in the best condition she has ever been, and Sigma Nuism, as represented by Beta Zeta, proportionately as strong as her Alma Mater. We are in the most prosperous year of our existence, having initiated five of the best men who have entered Purdue.

The last man with whom the goat had a good time was Bro. Howell, of Valparaizo, Ind. He is a member of the Junior Pharmacy class and one of the most popular men the school. He was sub half-back on the Varsity foot-ball team and is considered an all around athlete. In getting Bro. Howell Beta Zeta scored a victory over two other Frats and is justly proud of her success. It is with pleasure that I introduce Bro. Howell to the Fraternity at large.

On December 17th we rounded up a term of hard work by giving one of those delightful informals for which Beta Zeta is noted. It is needless to say that we had a good time. We have remodeled our hall and we now pride ourselves in having the finest Fraternity hall in LaFayette. Our lady friends best describe it

by saying it is "just lovely."

Two of our men, Bros. Lee Wright and Garretson were compelled to leave school but we are expecting them back next year.

Since our last letter Beta Zeta has been getting her share of the good things in the University. In the Battalion, Bros. Parker and Robie now hold captain's commissions while Bro. Silk enjoys the rank of first lieutenant. Bro. Wiselogel was elected a member of the Tau Br ta Pi engineering Fraternity. Bro. Ewry represents the student body as director at large in the the Purdue Athletic Association.

We greatly enjoyed a visit from Bro. Woods and consider ourselves very fortunate in having him with us. I am sure that every member of Beta Zeta received new inspiration and were placed in closer touch with the Fraternity and its work by his visit.

### CHAPTER ROLL

C. F. Bookwalter,	Roy C. Ewry,
Lee Johnston,	A. A. Parker,
Oliver Slimp,	Edward E. Silk,
F. G. Johnson,	A. G. Burns,
John Fisk,	W. H. Moore,
Fred C. Robie,	J. J. Wiselogel,
Harry Bent,	J. E. Slimp,
J. W. Esterline,	Harry Howell,
Herbert Nulsen,	C. A. Simpson,
Harry Wright,	M. W. Prisler.

#### BRTA RTA.

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA, BLOOMINGTON, IND .- W. T. KNOX.

Beta Eta began the year with fourteen old men, and one pledged man. We expect to increase the number before the term closes. We made good records last term, both in college and fraternity work. Every man is taking an interest in the fraternity and while, this continues you need have no fear for Beta Eta. Our social life last term was very pleasant, dancing, the usual entertainment here, being indulged in every two or three weeks.

Bro. Stinchfield won honor for himself and for Sigma Nu at right end on the foot-ball team. We enjoyed visits from several of our Indiana brothers last term, who were entertained at our chapter house. Bro. Spencer, of Beta Beta, was with us several days, and gave us some good pointers. Nothing aids a chapter more than the exchange of ideas with visiting brothers. Right here let me impress upon the minds of all the brothers that the Convention of Division VII meets with Beta Eta in May, and it is very desirable that all our sister chapters be represented, and it is especially desirable that as many of the Alumni as possible be present. Our prospects are good, and we hope to do honor to Sigma Nu, and have the same cordial wish for our sister chapters.

### CHAPTER ROLL.

Louis Holman,
George W. Curtis.
Lawrence Mays,
Guy Stinchfield,
Tom Davis,
Ernest Reed,
W. T. Knox.

Robert Ellison,
N. W. Murphy,
John McDermont,
Clarence Fryer,
Frank Krauskoff,
Frank Thomas,
Fred Hughes (pledged).

### BETA UPSILON.

ROBE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TERRE HAUTE, IND .- F. J. JUMPER.

The past three months have been the brightest and most successful of Beta Upsilon's life. We are still young and inexperienced, but every man has worked to make Sigma Nu the fraternity in every way at Rose, and there has been a great deal of true fraternity spirit manifested which has been encouraged by visits from brothers from Beta Beta and Beta Eta, and Grand Recorder Woods.

Sigma Nu was well represented this year on the best foot-ball team Rose has ever had. with Bro, Witherspoon, as the editor-in-chief of the Technic, and a number of the other men active in athletics, we still push Sigma Nu to the front. All the men were at the front in the last exams.

We have given several parties during the year and the social part has helped greatly in strengthening our chapter. John Harper, of Beta Beta, John Garrettson, of Beta Zeta, are now in the city and meets with us regularly. That staunch Sig, Bro. Deane S. Spencer, of Beta Eta, who is studying Sociology in this city, is a great help to us.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

George Likert,		
C. B. Smyth,		
Max Hammel,		
A. P. Stone,		

A. P. Stone, Frank J. Jumper. Wm. Appleton, Fred Froehlich,

T. D. Witherspoon, Jr.

Harry S. Richardson,

#### BETA NU.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO .- G. A. ROBBINS.

It is the underied claim of Beta Nu Chapter that more fraternity spirit is shown among, her members than is displayed by any of the numerous fraternity chapters at the University. It is the feeling of the chapter that such policy should be continued, and, although we may seem rather weak in numbers, rarely having over ten or twelve active members in college at one time, if the true basis be considered, we are very much better off.

Beta Nu came back with only six active members and one alumnus, J. Q. Brown, Ed S. Wertz, Carrol E. Beatty, Harry N. Heywood, Willington T. Leonard, George A. Robbins, and C. S. M. Kruman, alumnus. Since that, the chapter has been content with four new men and three pledged, George Teter, '01, Columbus,

O.; W. F. Voegele, '00, Mansfield, O.; Carl Roebuck, '00, Dalton, Ga., and Harry W. Crawford, '00, Massilon, O. The pledged men are Everson F. Powell, '00, Columbus, O., J. T. Blake, Canton, O., and R. B. Butterworth, Columbus, O.

Notwithstanding the convention of last year and other more expensive affairs, we have already paid off last year's debts, sent in a large sum to Sigma Nu, which squares us with the Fraternity, and have given the swellest dance of the year.

Among our various members are, the star singer of the Glee Club, two members of the Mandolin and Guitar Clubs, and nearly all are members of Debating Societies. Sigma Nu is represented by two editors of the college weekly, controls the two leading Columbus papers—the Ohio State Journal and the Press—through writing all the University news.

Beta Nu has among her number the fourth amateur bicycle rider of Ohio; he would have been ranked high er, but stopped riding to enter college: also the fastest runner of Ohio (Intercollegiate.) Field-day, Sigma Nu entered five men, winning more points than any other organization in college. Beta Nu also has representatives on the ball teams.

At all the college dances, you may be sure of seeing at least half your fraternity brethren; at all the ball games, three or four Sigma Nu turnouts are in evidence.

But, of all things. we wish most to brag of our alumni, who, strictly and entirely are the only pebbles on the beach. They are a constant source of love and pleasure to us. The five or six in town do more for us than the dozens which some of the other chapters have. On all occasions, the Sig Alumni turn out. The active chapter endeavors to "swap favors even" with them, but I fear it is an unsuccessful effort.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

C. E. Beatty.	J. Q. Brown.
H. N. Heywood.	W. T. Leonard.
G. A. Robbins.	E. S. Wertz.
G. G. Foster.	W. F. Vogele.
C. F. Roebuck.	W. H. Crawford

# BRTA IOTA.

MT. UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE, OHIO. - A. M. WILSON.

The December DELTA found Beta Iota enjoying excellent health. Our men have all proven themselves most worthy. Since our last letter, we have added the name of William H. Rice, who comes from one of the first families of Alliance. Bro. Rice is a fine musician and one of the most popular athletes in the school. It is with much pride we introduce our new brother.

One of the leading features during Christmas week was the musical concert given by the college conservatory of music, in which Bro. Rice was prevented from participating only through illness.

At present, the most popular diversion from college study is the game of basket ball, in which Sigma Nu is well represented, having the manager, captain and star player.

The telegraphic craze has overcome several of the boys, and a stock company has been formed with Bros. Saigeon manager and president and "Dainty" Butler secretary and treasurer. The chapter house has been wired and keys placed in three of the rooms; as a result, there is generally a clicking time at the "frat" house.

Beta Iota has a large chapter this year, embracing men from all departments, yet a more congenial or harmonious crew would be difficult to muster. Every member is working for Sigma Nu. Our alumni brothers are also standing by us, and add much to our success as a chapter. In the social line, the chapter has

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always maintained a foremost place.

Since our last report, Bro. Saigeon has been chosen exchange editor of the college journal, the Dynamo; Bro. Rice, elected captain of the basket-ball five; Bro. Fletcher, declaimer in Linnalon special; Bro. Wilkins took third rank in the local oratorical contest and will be one of the three delegates to the State meet in Athens; Bro. Wilkins was also debater in the R. L. S. vs. L. L. S. mid-winter contest.

Our division meet, which will be held with Beta Eta chapter this year, should especially be remembered and the event made another Columbus success.

To all Sigma Nus coming within hailing distance of Alliance, we extend a true fraternal welcome.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

R. D. Saigeon.	W. F. Atterholt.
D. M. Armstrong.	W. E. Wilkins.
T. B. Fletcher.	C. L. Bowland.
H. E. Weaver.	J. M. McFarland.
W. E. Myers.	A. H. Denbrock.
C. J. Bowman.	W. C. Heacock.
C. R. Oesch.	H. E. Oesch.
F. R. Ormsby.	G. H. Smith.
E. W. Butler.	W. H. Rice.
R. M. Brown.	A. H. Wilson.

R. D. Magee (pledged) C. M. Renniger (pledged.

# GAMMA GAMMA.

ALBION COLLEGE, ALBION, MICH .-- L. O. DE CAMP.

The December Delta and Sub-Rosa edition were received and read with interest by Gamma Gamma Chapter. We are glad to hear from our sister chapters and to know of their loyalty and fidelity to the cause which we all love.

Since our last letter Dr. Ashley, of Lima, N. Y., has been chosen President of Albion College to succeed Dr. Fiske who resigned last spring. President

Ashley is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyen University, and of both the School of Theology and the School of All Science of Boston University and has taken postgraduate courses in Jena, Leipsig, Berlin and Oxford. President Ashley is a man of genius and rare talents, and much is expected from him as President of our beloved college.

We recently enjoyed a very friendly visit from Bro. Atkinson of Beta Pi Chapter, of Chicago University. Such visits tend to strengthen the bonds of fellowship between sister chapters. Come again, Bro. Atkinson.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to the "Sig" world four new men, Bros. Fassett, Doelle, McGee, Going and McDiarmid. All were weighed in the balance and found to possess those exceptional qualities and rare virtues which entitle them to a place in the ranks of Sigma Nu. May their zeal and loyalty to the cause of Sigma Nu be as steady as the needle to the pole.

This increases our chapter roll to 16. Our membership now exceeds that of any other "frat" in college, although we are less than two years old. pride ourselves not upon quantity but quality. there is one ideal more than another to which Gamma Gamma aspires, it is that her ethical standard may be the highest and her men the brainiest men in college. In these respects we claim to be leaders at Albion. As proof allow me to note that we were the only "frat" that succeeded in getting men on the debating team which is to meet the Normal in the Inter-Collegiate Bros. Jacob and McGee hold second and third places on the team. Bro. McGee has been elected orator and toastmaster of his class. He also won first prize in the State High School Oratorical Contest held last June.

But we have athletes and musicians among our number. Bros. Folks, Boys and Ranch played with credit on the "Varsity" foot-ball team this fall. Bro. Fassett was captain of the second team. As a result of the annual athletic election Bro. Lyons heads the ticket as president, while Bro. Ranch is Custodian of the Exchequer.

As musicians, Bro. McDiarmid is generally acknowledged as the "star" tenor singer in the Conservatory, while Bro. Doelle is making great strides in vocal culture and is pronounced as having a very melodious voice.

Bro. Young has just returned from a four weeks business trip to Colorado. We hope he will enroll in College next term so as to be among us.

To our sister chapters, Gamma Gamma sends greeting and wishes them a most happy and successful New Year.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

G. H. Avaun,	C. E. Boys,
L. O. DeCamp,	R. W. Folks,
Walter Healey,	P. R. Hungeford,
H. F. Jacob,	E. P. Lyons,
E. A. Steele,	Louis Ranch,
H. L. Reynolds,	D. C. Young,
H. N. Fassett,	Clyde McGee,
W. L. McDiarmid.	Harry F. Young,

# BETA BETA.

DE PAUW UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IND .-- J. L. STOUT.

#### DELTA THETA.

LOMBARD UNIVERSITY, GALESBURG, ILL -- J. W. SLAUGHTER.

#### BETA PI.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.-B. L. PECK, 5744 MONROE AVENUE.

#### GANNA BETA.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL.—H. T. PARSONS, 2146 SHERMAN AVENUE.

Established January 21, 1898; see page 165-180. The editor of the DELTA asks pardon for the ne-

cessity of making the following corrections in the articles on this chapter, as follows: Page 169, fourth line name should be Walter G. Kenney; page 175, omit 5th and 6th lines under Ainsworth's name; page 176, E. E. Olp's address is Kahoka, Mo.; same page under Hugh Tilroe, omit the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th lines, and credit those honors to N. P. Willis; same page, W. G. Kenney's address should be Loda, Ill.; page 177, G. W. Seager's address is St. James, Minn.; page 178, Sigma Nu was established in 1898, and not 1896, the date of the founding of the Gamma Delta Sigma Society which was absorbed by Sigma Nu, January 21, 1898.

The following officers have been chosen for the new chapter:

Eminent Commander, O. C. Ainsworth.

Lieutenant, Commander, George Nesmith.

Reporter, Harry T. Parsons.

· Recorder, E. E. Olp.

Marshal, George Wilkinson.

Sentinel, G. W. Seager.

Under date of February 26, Bro. Parsons writes as follows:

"The boys are all well and everything seems to be moving along steadily but firmly.

"Next Friday night will tell who will represent Northwestern in the Northern Oratorical League Contest. We all look forward to this night as an eventful and victorious time for Gamma Beta. We expect and intend to push hope to a ferver that George Nesmith will take first place in the preliminary. The first markings of the judges place him ahead. Everything now depends upon Friday night. We hope that the 'frat' picture will please you and it will reach you in time."





UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CAL.-J. M. O'BRIEN

The semester just completed has been one of remarkable activity and progress for Beta Psi. At the opening of college, in August, we were fifteen in number. In spite of keen rivalry (there are eleven fraternities in college) and the paucity of eligible "frat" men, our present active membership is twenty-two. We have now as many men as any other chapter here, in fact considerably more than most of them, and are in a condition to challenge comparison of members.

Among us are four of the Mandolin Club, three of the Glee, and one of the Banjo; the first sub-editor of "Blue and Gold" (the first Junior annual), and one of its business managers. In the recent Junior farce, one of our men acted the principal character.

This recounting of honors is perhaps tiresome, but our pride and enthusiasm is a partial excuse. Then all this shows the condition of Sigma Nu, compared to her rivals. The youngest of the fraternities in college she is rapidly eclipsing all.

May all her sister chapters have as brilliant pros-

pects for the New Year as Beta Psi.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

J. R. Baird
R. E. Braden
Ernest Denicke
W. M. Dickie
J. C. H. Edwards
H. K. Fish
E. C. Hammer
C. E. Heise
J. B. McNab
H. W. Morgan
J. J. O. Brien
Harry Rooney
Howard Squires
F. P. Thomas
H. Mc. C. Webster

# INITIATES.

Frank Taylor Clark G. Briggs Percy Booth Chas. Anderson Bernie Donnell Lloyd Picott William Sterling

#### BETA CHI.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, STANFORD, CAL .- 1. J. EGAN.

Nothing of great importance has occurred here since the writing of our last letter. The University opened January 5th and Beta Chi welcomed back the following brothers: Keesling, Rodgers, Egan, Edmonds, Wilson, Whitmire, Havens, Loeser, Hale and Field. Since then we have initiated Ernest Brune, '01, of San Francisco, and Robert Henderson, '01, of Stockton, Cal. Both are strong men and will make a record for themselves. They have just entered college and were members of their High School fraternity.

The prospects for Beta Chi were never brighter, for we count on having a chapter roll of about twenty next term. Our chapter at present numbers twelve, the average number of the fraternities at Stanford this year, with but two exceptions, S. A. E. and Delta Tau Delta, who have twenty each.

We entertained the Zeta Psi fraternity with a dance during last semester and they in turn reciprocated last week by entertaining us with a smoker.

We are on good terms with all the other fraterniies here and look with much hope to the immediate future.

#### GAMMA CHI.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASH .- GUY H. ROBERTSON.



# SECOND DIVISION.

# [Delayed Letter.]

#### PHI.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BATON BOUGE, LA .-- J. S. WASHBURN.

As was perhaps observed, our last letter was very brief. When it was written the session of '97-98 had just begun and, of course, not much could be said because affairs were not at all permanently settled. But, at the present date, the State University of Louisiana is rapidly pushing its way through another scholastic year and is making up some of the three months lost on account of yellow fever. Everything has fallen back into its proper place and the daily routine continues as if Yellow Jack had never made his appearance in Louisiana.

The L. S. U. did not fare as well in foot-ball this season as it did last. Last year our team was invincible, and through the many games played we did not once meet de eat. But this season we played only two games and what was the result of each? In the first, against the Montgomery Athletic Club, we won a glorious victory; but, in the second, all our sunshine was suddenly changed to darkness when we received such an inglorious defeat by the University of Cincinnati. Among the team of the M A. C. we had the pleasure of meeting Bros. Wills and Claiborne, of Beta Phi, and we regret that they did not pay us alonger visit.

Since our last letter, Phi's goat has not been at all inactive in regard to his finding new members to butt, for we now have the pleasure of introducing two newly made Sigs: Tacitus W. Young, of Slaughter, La., and G. C. Wills, of Irene La., Bros. Young and Wills stand well in their classes and Phi has good reason to expect much from them in the future.

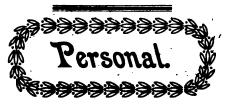
Bro. Gourrier, who, we thought, would be here to

play half back on the team, did not even enter school this year, but is in business in the Capital City.

Nor did Bros. Wiltz and Marion Ledbetter return. It was thought that Wiltz would enter on the first of January but circumstances proved otherwise.

In our last letter we gave the honors conferred upon the members of Phi and in this letter we have a few honors worthy of mention. Bro. T. L. Sherburne has been elected Secretary of the Louisiana State University Athletic Association and also represented Phi on the gridiron by playing right guard on the 'Varsity. And Bro. L. J. Williams has since been appointed Assistant Business Manager of the Reveille.

We were a short time back favored by a much appreciated visit of Bros. L. Allan Sholars and Homer Gates, two of Phi's old boys. The occasion of their visit was to act as groomsmen at the wedding of one of the most loyal sisters Phi has ever known, Miss Ada Favrot.



TURNBAUGH.—T. Ben Turnbaugh, of Bata Xi, is studying in St. Louis.

John Q. Cope, Beta Xi '96, is principal of the Windsor, Mo. High school.

CULVER.—F. L. Culver, Mu, '95, is in the Medical Dept. of Tulane Univ.

BARLEY.—J. W. Barley, Beta Xi, is successfully teaching at Lathrop, Mo.

RICHARDSON.—Terry M. Richardson of Theta, is practicing law at Troy, Ala.

STICKNEY.—R. H. Stickney, Jr., Theta '82, is a leading druggist of Anniston, Ala.

BERWICK.—David A. Berwick, Phi, '92, has entered Tulane University Medical Dept.

Pringle.—E. G. Pringle, Rho, '97, is at Columbia College. Address 243 west 120th street.

MEYER.—August H. Meyer, Beta Upsilon '97, is superintendent of the Camden, Ark., Light and Power Company.

BENNETT.—The Delta has a letter for Rawson Bennett and an inquiry for l.is address from Daniet W. Langdon.

KENDRICK.—Jas. B. Kendrick, of Mu, affiliate from Kappa, left Athens before the holidays for his home, Dawson, Ga., to accept a position there.

PAXTON.—Prof. J. F. Paxton, Rho, and well remembered as a delegate to the second convention, at Lexington, Ky., in 1886, is teaching in Oklahoma University, at Norman, Ok.

SIGS IN LOUISVILLE.—Aside from several resident Sigs in Louisville, there are J. S. Wittmeier, Z., Heartsock, B. B., A. L. Pendergrass and A. B. McCarty, O., who are studying medicine.

RENFRO.—D. L. Renfro, of Omicron '91, who received the highest grade, 99.9, at Bethel College, Russellville, Ky., in '91, is now teaching at Glasgow Junction. He is still a true Sig.

CARMICHEAL.—Capt. Jack Carmichael, Alpha '70, who has been in Lexington, Va., for the past two months, left in December for Nicaragua where he is engaged as an engineer on the canal.

REAVES.—For a batch of choice "personals" the Delta is in debt to Bro. Hart Reaves, Beta, of Hartsville, Tenn. Let others follow his example in other ways, besides sending "personals" to the Delta.

Roy Armstrong, Beta Mu, '97, is a member of the firm of Hurn & Planter, located at Clear Lake, Iowa,

and C. M. Thomas, '97, with his father, compose the firm of Thomas & Thomas, of Maquoketa, Iowa.

LEE.—"You are correct in saying I am not dispossessed of the ardor of the fraternity, and you cannot burden me at all with any duties which effect her welfare. So long as I am in Baton Rouge, I shall assist Phi Chapter in every way."—T. Wood Lee, Dec. 6.

STALLINGS—CLAYTON.—Congressmen Stallings and Clayton, both of Theta, representing respectively the second and third Alabama districts, were both declared entitled to their seats in Congress by the withdrawal of the contests by Messrs. Clark and Comer.

CHASMAR.—G. H. Chasmar, Pi, is now Manager of the Herenden Manufacturing Co., 39 Cortlandt street, New York, makers of the celebrated Faultless Furnace Boilers. He has done great work for Sigma Nu since leaving college and is gratefully esteemed by the High Council.

CRAIGE—HENDERSON.—The Alpha Theta Phi society at the University has had three presidents, who to win this honor must have attained the highest grades in the freshman, sophomore and junior years. The three presidents have been H. H. Horne, Burton Craige and Archibald Henderson.

Hant.—George Hunt (Lambda) has been appointed City Attorney of Lexington, Ky., at \$1,200 per year. We hear he is one of the brightest young lawyers at the home of the immortal Henry Clay. He is certainly a loyal Sigma Nu, and the young men of Zeta pronounce him a model of the true alumni brother.

KEELER.—Burr C. Keeler Beta Mu, '97, is connected with the law firm of Cliggett & Rule, of Mason City, Iowa. I enclose herewith \$1 in payment of Bro. Keeler's subscription to "DELTA" for current year. Kindly mail him receipt and back number to Mason City, writes C. W. Jones, of Davenport.

GROVES.—H. J. Groves (Rho) has left the Lexington, Mo. Intelligencer for the Independence Sentinel, one good paper for another. Mr. Groves is a young man of ambition, high character and large ability. He has already made himself felt in Missouri affairs. More power to his pen!—Columbia Herald.

Henderson.—Hon. John S. Henderson received a letter June 1 from Chapel Hill stating that his son, Archibald, had taken the Holt medal awarded to the most proficient mathmetician in the junior class. Mr. Henderson has never fallen below a grade of 95 on mathematics since he entered college.—Salisburg, N. C. World.

JESTER.—Mr. J. R. Jester, the able orator for Founders' Day in the Ciceronian Society, is one of the finest orators in the society. His fine ability was recognized by his comrades in making him orator on the greatest occasion at the college. He won considerable distinction as speaker in the freshman and sophomore classes. He is a member of the class of '99.—Macon Telepraph.

BETA MU.—The next DELTA may contain a writeup of Iowa State University by Bro. C. W. Jones, of Beta Mu, now practicing Law at 3rd and Main, Davenport, Iowa. His ability to produce an article at once interesting and instructive is evidenced by nothing more convincing than the fact that, at graduation, he captured the two best theses prizes for theses showing highest literary merit, etc.

GUICHARD.—G. L. Guichard, a charter member of Beta Iota was lately graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, and is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Utico, Minn. He writes:

"His write-up of Beta Iota takes me back to old times. I have always regretted the fact that I was compelled to leave Mt. Union so soon after the establishment of the chapter, but I have not lost my interest in it or in the fraternity"

WALLACE.—T. J. Wallace Jr., Beta Lambda, '97, writes from Bunceton, Mo., January 10th: "Was in Texas last fall and from what I heard there the Sigs have a very good record at Austin." Bro. Wallace is a member of the firm of T. J. Wallace & Co., proprietors of Ellerslie Stock farm, Bunceton, Mo., at the head of their herd being the Worlds, Fair Champion Short Horn bull, "Young Abbottsburn," formerly the property of T. S. Moberley, deceased, Richmond, Ky.

Moore.—Mr. George Marcus Moore, of Perry, Houston county, Ga., one of the successful candidates for debator of Phi Delta Society, is the most famous of all politicians at Mercer University. Mr. Moore is a ministerial student and has the love and esteem of both faculty and students of Mercer University. He is the most popular boy in the Phi Delta Society and received the largest number of votes of any man elected. Mr. Moore is a member of the Senior class, '97.—Macon Telegraph.

LANGTON.—Daniel W. Langton, ex-Regent and ex-Grand Treasurer of Sigma Nu, and one of the brightest men of old Theta, is now at 39 E, 10th, St., New York. He writes, January, 11: "Last Saturday night about twenty men representing eight charters, met here and further organized the New York Alumni. We have about twelve chapters represented by men living in or near New York, all of whom can be brought into active touch with fraternity matters."

CARR.—Ia the Sophomore class at the North Carolina University there was last year a student from Cherokee, Fred Hill, who walked from home to the University, and ever since has worked most of the time on a farm near the village. He is a hard worker, physically as well as mentally. He divides with John Carr,

a nephew o' Col. Julian S. Carr, the honor of being at the head of the class. In fact, he was one of the very highest of all the 423 students.—Asheville Citizen.

BETA PI.—"The Glee and Mandolin Clubs of the Chicago University gave an excellent concert here on the evening of the 31st, ult. Sigma Nu was well represented by four men, who I was pleased to meet. Sigs filled the positions of President (Hagey) of the Glee Club, Manager (Frutchey) and Ass't Manager (Mentzer) of the Clubs. Was especially glad to meet Bro. Mentzer, of whom I have heard so frequently."—writes C. W. Jones, of Davenport, an alumnus of Beta Nu, now Attorney at Law.

CALHOUN.—Scott Calhoun, Beta Chi, is a member of the legal firm of Burk, Veuve and Calhoun with office at 206 Sansome St., San Francisco. It is to Bro. Calhoun we owe the very excellent article on the University of Washington, in this issue. The write up would be complete with a picture of Clemans, founder of Gamma Chi, or of Calhoun. The latter writes, "Until I get a 'best girl' so as to induce me to get my picture taken, I will have to refuse you that luxury." Hurry up with the girl.

BLOUNT.—Delegates to the Grand Chapter in '92 will pleasantly recall the subject of this notice, Ed. A. Blount, of Upsilon, who read the beautiful poem, which was later published in the Delta, and which betrayed the true poetic fire. We are glad to hear again from our good friend, who writes thus from 431 Royal St., New Orleans: "You must pardon me if I have been negligent in my fraternity duties, as I have been such a sufferer from a rheumatoid affection that most all my college and fraternity thoughts were driven away. But when I returned to the Medical Dept. of Tulane, I met such a genial crowd of Sigma Nus that the old spirit has come back upon me again. You may be glad to

hear that I am at last having my poems published in book form. They will be out in March."

KEESLING.—We like to read of the successes of our brethren in and out of college, and when exceptional distinctions have fallen to their lots, we record them with pleasure. Bro. Frank V. Keesling, of Beta Chi, Leland Stanford Junior University, has this list of honors to his name: Member class '98, major subject. Law; member Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity; member of Skull and Snakes, local junior-senior society; member Stanford Press Club, member Bench and Bar; First President class of ,98; President Philolexeon literary society, Treasurer of same, three terms, Chairman Sophomore-Freshman Committee, and Chairman Sophomore Cotillion Committee, both in same year; Editor-in-chief Stanford Quad; Manager Varsity Base Ball Club; Reporter two years for Beta Chi to the Del-TA: Commander at present, and Inspector Div. VIII. And there are others!

GAMMA ALPHA—In the last few months Gamma Alpha has had to suffer the loss of two of her most loyal and enthusiastic supporters. She mours her losses deeply and feels sure that it will be a long while before their places can be filled. Her first great loss occured when Miss Mary Lovejoy, first cousin to our own Hatton Lovejoy of Mu, left the State of Georgia to make her home in the City of Galveston, Texas. Her home had been at Decatur, Ga., for a number of years past, and her devotion to, and enthusiam for, Sigma Nu had doubly endeared her to all members of the fraternity who were so fortunate as to know her. Her enthusiasm and zeal could well be emulated by scores of members of Sigma Nu. She took an active interest in the founding of Gamma Alpha, and was always glad to hear of its success. While we regret deeply our losing her and know that her place cannot

be supplied, the consolation still is left us that she will always be loyal to Sigma Nu and never forget Gamma Alpha.

Gamma Alpha's second loss was when Bro. C. Jack Steward bade farewell, but we hope not forever, to the old red hills of Georgia and took his departure for the far-off State of Missouri. He is now located in Kansas City, and has charge of the Tillman Publishing House. His office is in the Keith & Perry Building, rooms 315 & 316, and every wearer of the Five-Armed Star. whenever they meet him, may be sure of a warm welcome, a cordial greeting, and a hearty handshake from as noble a fellow, as enthusiastic a brother, and sa true a soul as ever beat beneath a Sigma Nu's bosom or knelt in homage to his Maker. Jack, known to every "Sig" in Georgia by that name, joined Sigma Nu at old Kappa, and ever since he knelt at her shrine he bas been unselfish in his devotions to her, has labored unceasingly and at all times in her behalf, and his thoughts are constantly of her. Would that Sigma Nu had many like him. No greater blessing could I wish for my frater-This feeble tribute flows spontaneously from a loving brother, from one who knows him well, and loves him for many noble traits and his splendid example of Sigma Nu brotherhood. Dear old Jack! What Georgia has lost our brethren in Kansas City have gained, for we know that no matter where you roam, nor what the future may hold in store for thee, that Sigma Nu will always be your constant companion. Jack, though gone, left with us his sister, Miss Birdie. almost as enthusiaftic as he, is one of Sigma Nu's strongest champions, and Sigma Nu need have no fears so long as she is there to champion her cause.

To close this without mentioning one who had not long been a "Sig" weuld be a great injustice to the fraternity and, especially, to Gamma Alpha, although her interest and enthusiasm are by no means to be judged by the length of her allegiance. Gamma Alpha claims her as her own, and I advise none to endeavor to alienate her affections or to even claim her. If any one should be so venturesome or so rash, I would not auswer for the consequences,—his life, I am sure, would not suffice. Miss Ruth holds first place with Gamma Alpha, and Gamma Alpha claims fee-simple title to her. With much pleasure, and asking Miss Ruth's pardon and forgiveness, I now introduce her to all our Sigma Nu brethren, and I wish every chapter could be so fortunate as to have as loyal a sister as Miss Ruah Pinckard is to Gamma Alpha.—thus writes In: pector W. L. Kemp.

BURDEAU.—J. A. Burdeau, Beta Phi, Inspector of Division II, is with Beta, at the University of Virginia.

FORMAN.—George Forman, founder of Zeta, in 1883, is now in Cincinnati; address care Fist National Bank Building.

DEVITT.—James A. Devitt, Beta Mu '97, is practicing law at Oskaloosa, Iowa; a member of the firm of Burrell & Devitt.

BEINHOWER.--I. I. Beinhower, Pi, '94, secretary of class during senior year is with Steel manufacturers, Rutland, Vt.

ALLEN.—R. H. Allen, Lambda, '90, 2nd Lieut. 13th Infantry, U. S. A., Vancouver Barracks, Washington, is to be married soon.

MOBERLEY.—S. Neville Moberley is clerking in the Madison National Bank at Richmond, Ky., and frequently meets with his old chapter, Zeta.

WARE...A. L. Ware. Pi, '94, is at his home, Tuckerton, N. J. He was one of the organizers of the Brown and White, Lehigh's semi-weekly paper.

RIGGS.—J. Robert Riggs. Z '97, is assistant Principal of the High School at Campbellsville, Ky., the home of Henry R. Turner, another alumnus of Zeta.

CARMICHAEL.—John Carmichael, Alpha, '70, is engineering in Nicaraugua.

ORIN---J. V. Orin, '94, Beta Iota, is pastor of the Methodist church in Mineral Ridge, O., and is meeting with marked success.

BALDWIN---W. G. Baldwin, '93, Beta Iota, is a rising young lawyer in Warren, O. Look out for Baldwin, for he will forge to the front.

FLOYD—Joe L. Floyd, '97, Beta Iota, is principal in the Waynesburg, O., school. Bro. Floyd is post-graduate in Greek with the class of '98.

Bell.—Eugene Bell, Zeta '91, is a missionary to Korea, and is the happy father of a bright boy born to his wife, nee Miss Lottie Witherspoon, of Louisville, Ky.

MILLER...S. Grant Miller, '95, Beta Iota, is superintendent of the Welchfield, O., school. Grant is a whole-souled Sigma Nu, and rejoices in his chapter's success.

DUMBAULD---H. S. Dumbauld, '95, charter member of Beta Iota, is superintendent of the Vanderbilt, Pa., school. Bro. Dumbauld expects to enter Law ere many months.

CRUMBAUGH---W. L. Crumbaugh, charter member of Beta Iota, has been appointed Deputy Sheriff of Spark county, O., Bro. Crumbaugh will assume his duties in March.

MORRIS---A. D. Morris, Pi, '95, member of banquet committee during senior year, can be found at Bristol, Pa. Bro, Morris is with a prominent contracting firm of Philadelphia.

HOTZ---W. M. Holtz, '97, Beta Iota, is now on the reportorial staff of the Pittsburg Dispatch. All Sigma Nus going to Pittsburg, hunt him up and see how royally Wilbur can entertain.

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PETRIKIN---B. R. Petrikin, Pi, '94, is in Loch Haven, Pa., where he is engaged in the insurance business. Bro. Petrikin played on the varsity base ball team during his freshman year.

G. H. CARTER.—Geo. H. Carter, who is practicing law at Marlin, Tex., responded to the request for \$1 from alumni for one year's subscription to the Delta. He visited Upsilon in December.

ANTRAM—J. E. Antram, '97, Beta Iota, is principal of the Warren, O., school. He is one of our strongest members and never permits an opportunity, for upbuilding his chapter, to go unimproved

FRENCH.—J. H. French, M. D., recently returned from Europe and became one of the boys at a recent meeting of the N. Y. A. A. Bro. French has a large practice, but finds time to attend meetings.

MARSH—Hugh E. Marsh, '96, Beta Iota, one of the very best fraternity men we have ever known, is now city editor of the Toronto, O.; Daily Tribune. His frequent letters are a great help to Beta Iota.

KISER.—J. Don Kiser, Beta Mu '97, is reading law in an office at Ottumwa, Iowa, but expects to enter the law department of S. U. I. next month. Roy A. Miles Collins also expects to return to the University at that time.

LANGDON—D. W. Lingdon, Past Regent, has joined New York Alumni Association. He was present at the last meeting and imbued those present with his enthusiasm. His address is 39 East 10th St., New York City.

WILSON.—To Bro. A. H. Wilson, one of the most enthusiastic Sigs we ever met—and we know many—we are indebted for several personal notices of Beta Iota alumni. Let others follow his example and send in news of the boys.

ALSTON.—E. O. Alston, of Theta, is now Traveling Freight Agent of the Southern Railway, with head-quarters at Raleigh, N. C. He is a constant Delta subscriber and is gratefully remembered for that and other worthy traits.

Hamilton.--T. G. Hamilton, Pi, '95, chairman banquet '94, and Treasure Lehigh University Athletic Association '95, is now at his home 5912 Margaretta St., Pittsburg, Pa. Bro. Hamilton is engineer for the Citizen's Consolidated Traction Company, of Pittsburg.

Bannon.-.A. F. Bannon, Pi, '95, who was Assistant Manager in '94, manager '95, of the Varsity Base Ball Team and Vice President of his class during his junior year, besides holding other honors, is now residing at his home, Bradford, Pa., where he is assistant city engineer.

CREEL.—At the Missouri inter-collegiate oratorical contest, at Sedalia, Dec. 3. when Bro. Harris, of Rho, won second prize, the first prize going to Wm. Jewell College, Sigma Nu furnished two committeemen, one of whom, Bro. Creel, of the latter college, became State Committeeman, a much coveted honor.

Pi.—J. T. Callagham, Jr., successor to G. H. Chasmar, Inspector Division V, writes Dacember 13, to Bro. Robinson: "Bro. S. B. Merrill, '99, and M. G. Candee, '00, are expected back next term, and then we hope to start the term with ten good men and have fifteen or twenty by the end of the scholastic year."

PHI HONORED.—By mistake we said that Beta Phi chapter had been entertained by the daughters of Gov. Foster, at Baton Rouge last June, when it should have been Phi chapter of the University of Louisiana. The occasion was a notable society event, and the error is one which our Phi brethren desire to have thus cor-

JACOBS.--C. B. Jacobs, Beta Pri, '95, until recently chemist for the General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y., has resigned his position and gone to New York City, where he has influential capitalists backing him in a scheme to organize a company for the manufacture of aluminum by a new process he has recently patented.

CHASMAR....G. H. Chasmar is at present acting manager of the New York office at the Herendeen Manufacturing Company. Address 39 Cortlandt, New York City. He is no less interested in the fraternity since his resignation as Inspector of Division V. Should he be so the DELTA would miss many items of interest from his pen.

DINNING-HEYWOOD.—W. Groves Dinning, Sigma, writes that the pleasantry at his expense (in Vol. 15, No. 1) was all right except that he is is not a ministerial student. Bro. Harry N. Heywood, Beta Nu, writes: "'Mr. Dinning, hold me tight,' is the only thing we can sing and will look for the second verse in the next issue." But we desist.

Wolf.—E. Myron Wolf, Beta Psi, '94, has removed his law office to rooms 1012-1014, Claus Spreckels Bldg., corner Market and 8rd streets, San Francisco. Says he, Jan. 10, "I take it for granted that the chapter reporters tell you how gloriously Beta Psi and Beta Chi are thriving, and presume also that Bro. Partridge is attending to the alumni 'end.' In the vernacular of the day, Sigma Nu is 'right on top' in California."

PHI.—W. M. Barrow has returned to Baton Rouge, after a long stay in Washington, D. C., and is a frequent attendant upon Phi's meetings.—F. Claiborne visited Phi lately.—Carroll H. Newell has gone into the Insurance business in Baton Rouge.—J. L. Muller is in business in Bayou Sara, La.—A. E. Washburn is

now in the Civil Service and is following the Civil Engineering Department. He is at present posted at Neptune, La., some distance below New Orleans.—Bro. Wood Lee is still in business in Baton Rouge.—Hughes Arrighi is working in Natchez, Miss.

WHITSIDE.—The largest schedule ever attempted by a Washington and Lee University base-ball nine, has been arranged for the coming season by Manager Whitside (Sigma Nu), and much of the success of the arrangement is due to his untiring effort, says the Baltimore Sun, Jan. 13.

"I have begun already to plan for the Grand Chapter and trust we will meet in old Georgia. It would be like a dream to meet those Southern boys."—A. H. Wilson, Alliance, O., Dec., 13.

SHAW.—Upsilon is getting along very nicely this year, writes Geo. H. Carter, attorney, Marlin, Texas, though in numbers she is rather small. So far, three initiates have been added to our number, and everyone of them will, I think, be a credit to the chapter and the fraternity. Too much credit cannot be given Bro. H. A. Shaw for his unceasing efforts to advance the chapter's interests. It is owing largely to his untiring energy that the chapter is in its present prosperous condition. Bro. Shaw has heen confined to his bed for the last four or five weeks with typhoid fever, but is at present much better.

RICHARDSON—SEARS.—In responding to onr appeal to subscribe for the Delta, Ira Richardson, Principal of the Shelbyville, Mo., Public School, says: "Many, many times do I recall my very pleasant associations connected with our Beta Lambda, staunch and true, though now crushed by the powers that be. And then how I enjoy reading the Delta—a real pleasure in looking over its pages to meet such a face as that of Sears, and to know that he is a fellow Sig. I met an Alpha

Tau Omega a few days ago, who is attending school at Delaware, Ohio, who tells me that our Beta Nuchapter, at Ohio State University, has been attracting considerable attention lately by some elegant receptions and dances. Under the guidance of Sears and Junk, I am sure there are no heights in the social or collegiate world which Beta Nu will not attain."

MYERS.—John H. Myers, Pi '96, is with the City Engineer of Allegheny, Pa.

PI.—C. B. Jacobs is superintendent and chemist for the Ampere Electro-Chemical Co., Ampere, N. Y.

Bell.—F. B. Bell, Pi '97, who was at college last fall, finishing up his work, is now at his home, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

PI.—A. L. Ware has recently been appointed engineer for the construction of a water supply system for Tuckerton, N. J.

Davis.—C. L. Davis, Pi '96, is now at the Michigan School of Mines, Houghton, Mich. His home address is Reynoldsville, Pa.

Beta Zeta.—Robert A. Byrns is manager of the Buffalo office of the Walker Company, manufacturers of electrical machinery.

MERRILL.—Bro. S. B. Merrill, Pi '99, T. N. E., who left college last May to accept a position, was expected to return the first of February.

PI.—T. G. Hamilton is consulting electrical expert for the Citizen's Traction Company, Pittsburgh, Pa. Address 5912 Margretta Street.

MITCHELL.—E. W. Mitchell, Pi '96, through whose influence Beta Rho was established, is reporting for a paper at his home, Fall River, Mass.

BETA PSI.—Byron F. Stone, Jr., is a member of the B. F. Stone Company, Commission Merchants, and receivers of California products, Boston, Mass.

- PI.—A. D. Morris is at his home at Bristol, Pa. Rumor has it that he recently visited New York City and became tangled up in the wilds of the upper West side.
- PI.—William S. Merrill, who will be remembered by those present at the Indianapolis Convention in 1884, is engaged in extensive mining operations in California. Permanent address, Los Angeles, Cal.
- BETA RHO.—P. Z. Grey is practicing dentistry at 31 West 31st street, N. Y. Bro. Grey was a member of the base ball team of the Orange Athletic Club during the past season, and made an enviable record.
- PI.—J. T. Callaghan, Jr., is Inspector of steel for the Government, at the Bethlehem Iron Works, Bethlehem, Pa. Bro. Callaghan was recently appointed Inspector of Division 5, vice Bro. G. H. Chasmar, resigned.
- BETA.—Eugene F. Smith, Jr., is once more numbered in the ranks of Beta. He returned to college this fall after having spent a year among the bulls and bears of Wall Street. It is not stated whether or not Bro. Smith was shorn.
- CHASMAR.—G. H. Chasmar, Pi '97, T. N. E., is with the Herenden Manufacturing Company, 39 Cortlandt street, New York City. Bro. Chasmar is one of the originators of the Sigma Nu N. Y. A. A., and at their last meeting was elected 2nd Vice President.
- PI.—J. G. Petriken is with the Pencoyd Iron Co., Pencoyd, Pa. Bro. Petriken will long be remembered as the best base ball player Lehigh ever produced, and also as one of the handsomest men in college. "Graf" followed "Pap" Merrill as chapter "daddy" of Pi.
- Psi.—George Stephens has returned to Charlotte, N. C., from Orange, N. J. George was easily the "star" of both the base ball and foot ball teams of the Orange Athletic Club, during the past season, and it is said

"cut considerable ice" with the fair sex of Orange and vicinity.

PETRIKEN.—J. G. Petriken, Pi '96, member of base ball team during entire college course, captain two seasons; also member T. N. E.; played with Atlantic team four years, captain '96. Bro. Petriken is now in the structural department of Pencoid Steel Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Good.—O. S. Good, Pi '97, member of last year's championship Lacrosse team, is now superintending the construction of an electric plant near his home, Loch Haven, Pa. Brother Good is an energetic worker for Sigma Nu and is dear to the hearts of all the active members of old Pi. Individually and collectively they wish him every success.

KILLEBREW.—Bro. J. B. Killebrew, Jr, Beta '96, the son of one of the most prominent men in Tennessee, has received the appointment as first assistant at the Alabama-Byrce Insane Hospital, at Tuscaloosa, Ala. He was a graduate of the Medical department of the University of Virginia '96, passing with honor, and there is no exaggeration in saying that he was one of the most popular men at the University. He is a very strong man, and that he will be heard from in the future his friends do not doubt. His father is a Ph. D. from the University of North Carolina.

Hannah.—Hon. Harvey H. Hannah, who joined at Kappa, in '86, is one of the most prominent young men in Tennessee. He is a lawyer by profession, having received the degree of B. L. from the University of Tennessee. During the Bryan-McKinley campaign he was presidential elector from his State, and as a proper reward for his services he will receive the Democratic nomination for Congress from his district. He is now Secretary to the Governor of Tennessee, and also assistant Adjutant General. Socially, he is a favorite all

over the State. Bro. Hannah was born at Louisville. Ky, the son of Jno. H. and S. G. Hannah.

BETA PSI AND BETA CHI.—A. H. Sylvester, Riverside, Cal., writes, January 4: You ask me to tell you all I know about the Pacific Coast Sigs; well, I will do the best I can. Of Beta Chi men I know very little: Lewis Howell Smith, City Attorney of Fresno, California, elected to the position by the largest majority evergiven a candidate in that city, and over a very popular and much older man. Walter Rose is practicing lawin Los Angeles. Billy Harrelson is Civil Engineer for the Golden Gate Park Commissioners, San Francisco. Jack Sheehan is practicing law in San Francisco, I believe. Alex. T. Hosmer is at his home in Tacoma, Wash. Carl Lane Clemans is lawyer, editor and mining broker in Silverton, Wash. Charles Gorham, of Cornell college, Iowa, is a lawyer and editor of Snohomish, Wash. Beta Psi has four alumni lawyers located in San Francisco. These are Bert Webster, '92, and E. M. Wolf, Fritz Denicke and Maurice Samuels, all of '94. Marvin Curtis, '94, and Phil Tompkins, '94, are analytical mine chemists at 123 California street, San Francisco. laboratory is the headquarters for Sigma Nus in San Francisco. There they have a register where every visiting Sig must leave his autograph, and no man writes his name there who does not go away full of enthusiasm and a new impulse to work for Sigma Nu. So deep and strong is the love of these two men for their fraternity that it is felt by, and inspires all brothers who come into contact with them. Brother Curtis is also an instructor and lecturer in the University of California Medical College. His home is in Berkeley, Cal.

Other San Francisco Beta Psi men are: A. H. Man, '95, in the wholesale grocery business, J. E. Strachan, '95, draughtsman, and in the Union Iron Works office, John Slater Partridge, '92, teacher, writer and lawyer, Clarence L. Feusier, '96, wholesale grocery business,

A. C. Turner, '95, physician, Edwin E. Hammer, '96, grocery business, and H. E. Fishback, '96, soap manufactory, Morton M. Tuft '96, is purser on a Honolulu steamer, Charles H. Dasher, '96, is in his father's iron works at Stockton, Cal., Norris Davis, '97, has a position with the Sperry Flour Company, Stockton; Ravone Rogers, '95, is instructor in Chemistry at the Unive. sity of California; C. H. Woolsey, '95, is studying medicine in San Francisco, F. Henry M. Fine, 95, is practicing in Oakland, Geo. H. Boke, '94, is Principal of the San Rafael, High School, Milo S. Baker, '95, is teaching in the High School at Santa Rosa, Cal., Orson T. Johnson, '98, is in the orange growing and packing business at Riverside, Cal., W. H. Booth, '97, is in business in Los Angeles, Rea Maynard, Beta Chi, '94, is living in Los Angeles.

Five loyal Sigs, Beta Psi men, had a re-union in Riverside, Cal., last week. Walter Dickie, John Mc-Nab and Billy Harvey home for the holidays, and Orson T. Johnson and the writer pledged Sigma Nuand Sigma Nus, talked over old times and the bright prospects of the future, spoke lightly of the hard fights we made when a struggling young chapter and enthusiastically of the beautiful club house that is now Beta Psi's home and went to bed at a late hour with hearts on fire with love for the dear old fraternity.

RHOADES.—Ralph Rhoades, Beta Xi '93, is in the lumber business at Graham, Mo.

DAWES.—What has become of Hamilton M. Dawes, Rho's great orator of the other years?

BIERRING.—Will Bro. Bierring, of Beta Mu, kindly report the facts of the death of Bro. Lodge, with whom he was so closely connected in work at Iowa University?

KEMP.—"You must find the assistance of Bro. Kemp of great value. With a number of Inspectors

and alumni like him, we would forge far ahead in the race," writes C. W. Jones, of Davenport, Iowa.

KEMP.—Inspector W. L. Kemp has moved his law office to 406 Gould Building, Atlanta, Ga., which is two stories nearer the ground floor of that handsome edifice. Bro. Kemp's work for Sigma Nu never ceases.

COOKE.—Rev. J. Royall Cooke, Zeta '91, Summu Cum Laude, on account of poor health, has returned from Kentucky to his home at Marganua, Culpepper county, Va., where he will spend a while on the farm.

Two Mayors.—Billy Kemp writes: "Two members of Mu, Law Class '96, have been elected Mayors of their respective towns—Hall M. Calhoun, of Arlington, Ga., and W. B. Hollingsworth, of Fayetteville, Ga."

EWRY.—Ray C. Ewry, Beta Zeta, holds the World's Record in both standing high and standing broad jumps, made at Chicago last May in the Military and Athletic Carnival. The former is 11 feet, the latter 5 feet 5 inches.

JONES.—To Bro. C. W. Jones we are indebted for the cut of Bro. Block in this issue, and also for several clippings concerning Beta Mu boys. He expects to visit Nashville and New Orleans shortly and will hunt up the Sigs there.

Hunt.—I. H. Hunt, Delta'91, of Newberry, S. C., has our thanks for a pamphlet entitled "The Battle of the Bloody Angle, Spottsylvania C. H., Va., May 12, 1864," written by Col. I. F. Hunt, who participated in this daring engagement.

McCord.—We would be very glad to hear from Bro. Francis McCord, who might prevail upon Bro. Louis Neville Buck, who helped found Alpha chapter in 1869, to give the Delta some interesting facts about the early history of Sigma Nu.

DR. W. L. DEAN.—Dr. W. L. Dean, Beta Mu, demonstrator of anatomy in the medical department, State University of Iowa, at present dividing his time between Cooke's celebrated school of anatomy and physiology and Moorfield's famed eye hospital in London. Both of these institutions are first in their lines, and both the doctor and the University are to be congratulated on his opportunities.

LACKEY-EMERSON.—W. G. Lackey, Zeta '92, Magna Cum Laude, has resigned his position at Muskogee, I. T., and resumed the practice of law in St. Louis. He speaks in higest praise of Bro. Guy L. V. Emerson, Rho, who is with the M. K. & T. R. R., at Muskogee, I. T., and feels very grateful to that loyal frater for many courtesies. Should Lackey's health continue good he will make his mark at the St. Louis Bar.

ZETA'S LOSSES.—Zeta chapter lost four of her new men at Christmas: Duff, Alexander, Page and Summers, all of Glasgow, Ky. The last named left college early in the fall. Page affiliated from Omicron. This heavy loss was increased by the departure of Charles McMakin, who joined in '96, who left for his home at Shelbvville, Ky. This leaves Zeta with seven men, who feel deeply the losses the chapter has sustained.

BELFIELD.—A. Miller Belfield, Beta Zeta '92, who is the founder of our new chapter, Gamma Beta, at Northwestern University, has his Patent Law office at 1264, Monadnock Building, Chicago. He is very near and dear to the Sigs in and near that city, and the High Council feels grateful for his high class fraternity work. Aside from organizing the new chapter he has entirely revised the Law of Sigma Nu, which will appear in new form before the school year closes.

WHITEIS.—Dr. William R. Whiteis, Beta Mu, after a visit with his parents, at Urbana, has left for New York City. Thence he will sail March 31 for the Old

World and will spend his fifth successive summer in Vienna, fitting himself by special study and research for better work than ever in his position as assistant to the chair of histology, etc., in the medical department of the Iowa State University. Mrs. Whiteis, who has also just returned from Urbana, left this afternoon for Lone Tree. She will reside there will her parents during the doctor's absence.

Hollingsworth.—"Mr. W.B. Hollingsworth, (Mu '96) Secretary to the Blalock Investigating Committee, is now Mayor of Fayetteville, his election having occurred during his absence while he was engaged in work for the committee in Atlanta. The race for the mayoralty has been a warm one. Judge G.L. McGough was Mr. Hollingsworth's opponent and the friends of both candidates worked for the victory. Mayor Hollingsworth is doubtless the youngest Mayor in the State. He is a graduate of the State University and a young man of great promise and ability."—Atlanta Constitution.

CRAWFORD-BULLOCK.—J. C. Crawford, a charter member of Gamma Alpha, Georgia School of Technology, won the gold medal for the best all-round athlete there in '97. On Field Day he won the 50-yd. dash in 5 3-5 sec.; second in 16-lb. shot; 1st in 100-yd. dash, 10 2-5 seconds; 1st in 220-yard run, 23 1-5 seconds; second in running long jump; won quartermile race 55 4-5 seconds; all of which netted him 29 points. Bullock, also Sigma Nu, made 25 points, and came second in the contest, winning high jump, running broad jump, and shot; second in 100-yd. dash, third in 50-yd. dash and in 220-yd. run. It was a great day for Sigma Nu, and our two men came in for a half column notice in the Constitution.

DORSETT.—Writing from Baraboo, Wis., A. D. Dorsett, founder of Beta Beta, says: "The DELTA tells

me that the Seventh Division is now the largest in the fraternity, and I am proud of the fact that I was the first initiate in that Division! There were some fine fellows initiated into Beta Beta on that night of November 19, 1890, especially Bros. Jakes and Takashima. Had a letter from the latter recently. It was seven feet long and was a hummer. He is editor of a magazine in Tokio, Japan. As proof that I am still in love with Sigma Nu, find \$5 enclosed for my Delta subscription. I am an editor myself, in charge of the Baraboo Daily News, circulation 2,000. I'm going back to old De Pauw some of these times and see if they will know me."

THREE KLONDIKE SIGS .- "In Rho United, In The Klondike They Are Not Divided," is a fit motto for the three old members of Rho Chapter who have gone to the frigid fields of fortune in search of gold. Not only Rho men will be interested in their venture, but all who love the daring youth of America will pause and wonder if these three brothers will ever return to the home and friends from which the fickle Goddess has The Columbia (Mo.) Herald interestingly lured them. writes thus: "Three energetic young Missourians, former students of the University and known to many people in Columbia, are in Alaska seeking their fortunes in the gold fields and prepared to find out the reason why, if they don't succeed. They are Ollie Osborn, of Cameron, William Marshall, of Unionville, and A. S. Holmes, of Hannibal. Messrs. Osborn and Marshall are backed by the Wells-Fargo Express Company and a syndicate of St. Louis capitalists, headed by F. H. Marshall, cashier of the Continental National Bank of St. Louis, and U.S. Bank Examiner under Cleveland, being an older brother of the young gold seeker. Holmes joined the party on an independent basis; however it is one party and the three have made joint preparations and will stay together and work together. Being of

diverse and various talents, these three young men will be able to organize themselves into a firm of such endof-the-century completeness as to rival the modorn metropolitan department store. Mr. Holmes began his professional study in the department of medicine; afterwards he found his natural bent toward the law and took his diploma in the law school. Mr. Osborn by education and training is a civil engineer. Mr. Marshall has had experience in the loan, brokerage and real estate business under the tutelage of his father, Wm. H. Marshall, a banker and capitalist of Unionville, Mis-The following shingle will therefore inform those inhabitants of Dawson City who pass the office of the firm of the enterprise of these young Missourians: "Osborn, Marshall & Holmes, Lawyer, Doctor, Civil and Mining Engineer, Assaying, Mines Bought and Sold, General Brokerage and Real Estate Business."

"The preparations made for the party in the way of provisions, clothing, etc., were generous and extensive in the extreme. The preparations were made for a stay of two years in the Klondyke regions. As regards food, all sorts of canned meats, fruits and vegetables were purchased; concentrated foods and essences galore; in short everything of the kind that it was possible to buy and take along was included in the purchase list. Special cases, strongly and carefully built, were made to carry the meats, fruits and vegetables, and every precaution taken that the provisions should arrive and continue in the best possible condition. The concentrated stores were purchased in Chicago, but the meats, etc., at Portland, Oregon, the port of sailing. A special feature of the outfit was the clothing specially prepared for rough weather in the cold regions. A more complete wardrobe for an Arctic expedition could not have been originated by Nansen himself nor Andree, the ill-fated balloonist. Some of the fine points of this part of the outfit were:

"Specially prepared boots, made in St. Louis, lined with lamb skin, wool inside; three suits each of extra heavy underwear made from fine California blankets; three dozen pairs each of extra thick knit stocking leggings; three complete suits each of underwear made of chamois skin; a complete suit each of fur, with cap and Besides the articles mentioned, the wardrobe included in addition to an exceedingly large supply of the usual garments necessary to a northern trip every sort of garment and device known to explorers of cold countries for keeping the human system at normal heat. The usual precaution in the way of weapons and firearms, drugs and medicines, were taken, and all the various sets of instruments needed by engineers in exploring, surveying and settling up a new country were In a word, the equipment and preparations for their northern trip were as thoroughly complete along every line as money and the manufacturers of the United States could make them; and it is a safe statement that no party has ever gone to the Klondyke better prepared to compete with the trials and hardships of such a venture.

"The young men were accompanied as far as Portland by Mr. Marshall, Sr., and by the President of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, by whom arrangements were made with the Alaskan agent of the company to provide the young men with all the money necessary to carry on their various business enterprises. Upon their arrival at Portland it was learned that the boat on which passage had been engaged had been declared unseaworthy and would not leave port. Berths were immediately secured in another vessel to set sail in a few days. However a difficulty of another sort was encountered in the captain who refused to take their supplies on board the vessel; the captain it seems was interested in a company which furnished supplies to gold seekers at the other end of the voyage. The young

men were naturally incensed at this bare-faced attempt to fleece them, and upon inquiry found that such was the sense of the entire list of prospective passengers, of whom there was a large number. An indignation meeting was held and a committee appointed which included Messrs. Osborn, Holmes and Marshall. Backed by the Mayor of the city, the committee succeeded finally in bringing the captain to terms, during the consideration of which Mr. Holmes is reported to have made several speeches.

"On August 20th the party left Portland. It was their intention to make part of the trip overland and they were instructed to purchase dogs for their own use and to hire five Indians to serve as guides and servants for the entire two years.

"Their instructions are to begin mining if possible immediately after their arrival at the gold fields; if, however, the mining season is over they are autlorized to buy and sell mines; to buy and sell real estate; to discount gold; to open supply stores; to organize transportation companies; in short, to do anything that will tend to open up the country. For all this they are to receive one-half of all the profits; and this without a cent of risk to themselves.

"Further than this, a still more extensive scheme has been entrusted to these young men. They were instructed, after arriving in Alaska and becoming acquainted with the country, to look over the ground and make surveys right up to the Klondyke region; and if the reports sent in be favorable, they will be authorized to begin at once upon the construction of a railroad with Mr. Osborn as chief engineer.

"Certainly these young men have great opportunities; and according to present reports from those regions their prospects for success are very bright. The outcome of this venture will be a matter of great interest, especially to the acquaintances and friends of the young men involved.

"Mr. Osborn, practically the leader and brains of the expedition, has had a very interesting career since he left the University a few years ago. After leaving Columbia he accepted an inferior position on the engineering corps of the west division of the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad, a branch of the Burlington system. After two years service in this position he was made assistant engineer of the division. This position he held for a year, at the end of which time he was sent by the Burlington system to Germany to study engineering and particularly bridge building in a special school of engineering at Perlin. A year was the length of his stay in Germany, and he returned to accept the position of chief engineer of the St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern, also a branch of the Burlington system, with headquarters at Hannibal. He held this position until he left for the Klondyke. He has the assurance of his employers that at any time he wishes to return and resume the duties of the position, it is his privilege to do it, a fact which forces the inference that the Burlington officials are interested in the syndicate backing the Klondykers. Mr. Osborn has certainly an exceedingly fine opportunity to gain wealth and fame, and there is no doubt but that with the energy and ability which his previous career predicts he will make the best of it."

ALL BROTHERS.—This department of the Delta has been much complimented on all sides. But unless the brothers send in notices the editor can not possibly contribute much to the general stock of information of our alumni or active membership along this line. It is very earnestly desired that every brother report the whereabouts of every other brother he knows and in that way, not only will the Delta be made more interesting but the compiler of the next catalogue will be vastly assisted in located members.



GOURRIER-SAMUEL.—S. A. Gourrier, Phi, and Miss Mattie Samuel, were united in marriage at Irene, La., on February 16.

JONES-McMurdo.—Frank Jones, Phi, was married to Miss Georgie McMurdo, in Baton Rouge, La., on the 26th of January, '98.

JACOBS-MCKENNA.—The brothers of Pi Chapter in '90-'92, remember pleasantly Bro. C. B. Jacobs, and they will read with pleasure this notice:

Mr. and Mrs. David McKenna announce the marriage of their neice, Violet Lillienhadt McDowell, to Mr. Charles Burrows Jacobs, Wednesday, April twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, at half past six o'clock, Slatington, Pa.

DEAN-SIMPSON.—J. Edward Dean, Mu, '93, and Miss Eve Simpson were married April 21,'97, at Rome, Ga. The Journal says:

"Miss Simpson is a lovely young woman of many charming attributes of mind and heart. She has numberless admirers in Rome and all over the State. Mr. Dean is an exceedingly popular young man, and stands high with the legal fraternity. The Rome bar presented him with a \$50 silver service."

BLANDFORD-GLENN.—Eugene Caldwell Blandford, Z'94, and Miss Effie May Glenn were married March 4, at Batesville, Ark., where the groom has been teaching. The bride is of a highly respectable and influential family. The groom is one of Nature's Noblemen. God bless them both. In this new relation may Eugene

never forget Sigma Nu nor those friends in Kentucky who love him with selfish devotion.

AYER-STEVENS.—Mr. Malcom Ayer, Eta '94, surprised his friends yesterday by returning from Florida with a bride. Mr. Ayer married Miss Josephine Stevens, of Crystal Spring, Fla., last Tuesday, and the happy couple reached Macon yesterday and received many congratulations from friends. The bride is one of the loveliest young ladies of Florida, and will be a welcome addition to Macon society. Mr. Ayer is one of Macon's most popular and successful attorneys.—Macon Ga., Telegraph, December 20.

BETTS-MORRIS.—"Promptly at 9 o'clock last evening the elite of Oxford society assembled to witness the entertainment given by Mr. Charles Isaac Betts and Prof. Robert Hugh Morris to their young friends. The program rendered by the young ladies was excellent and highly appreciated. Without question the most enjoyable feature of the entertainment was the solo by Mr. Charles Isaac Betts, "The High Born Girl." After which repeated, persistent and loud calls were made for Prof. Robert Hugh Morris; in response he rendered "Mary Had a Little Lamb."—Oxford, Ga., special to Constitution.

CLAYTON-HUNTER.—Muskogee and Wagoner society circles were treated to a genuine surprise yesterday evening at 5 o'clock by the marriage of Mr. J. P. Clayton, (Theta,) and Miss Jessie Hunter, at the residence of Dr. Harry C. Rogers, on Cherokee Street, Rev. E. D. Cameron, pastor of Bethel Methodist Church, officiating. Mr. Clayton is a brother-in-law of Dr. Rogers, a popular young lawyer, and a member of the law firm of Maxey, Clayton & Martin, of Muskogee and Wagoner. He came to Muskogee from his native State, Alabama, two years ago. His mother, widow of the late General Henry M. Clayton, and a sister of ex-Senator Pugh of

that State, still reside in Alabama. His brother is Congressman H. D. Clayton, (Theta). Mrs. Clayton, nee-Hunter, is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of ex-Treasurer Hunter, of Manhatten, Kans., who is now one of the influential citizens of the State. The young couple will make their home in Wagoner, where MrcClayton's firm has a branch office.—"Muskogee Evening Times," Muskogee, I. T., August 23rd, 1897.

JONES-McMurdo.—"St. James Episcopal church last night was the scene of a social event of the season in the celebration of the marriage ceremony that united Mr. Frank Jones (Beta Phi) and Miss Georgia McMurdo. The loving hands of kind friends had been busy for some time decorating the church with palms, ferns and flowers for the bridal occasion and everything certainly looked beautiful. The Rev. J. J. Cornish officiated at the ceremony.

"The fair bride is a beautiful and graceful young lady from our city. She is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Chas. McMurdo, and was born and reared here, and because of grace of disposition and many admirable traits of character has drawn to herself a most extensive circle of devoted friends. She is very widely known and wherever known is greatly admired.

"Mr. Jones is the valued book-keeper of the Fuqua Hardware Co., where excellent habits and thorough business qualifications have earned him an enviable reputation. During the ceremony the organ, under the skillful touch of Prcf. Clark, breathed forth the low, sweet notes so often heard at weddings, and as the bridal party withdrew, the grand strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march was heard."—Baton Rouge Advocate, January 26.

GILL-DEES.—Last Wednesday at 8:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Lemuel C. Dees, on Broad street, Rev. T. G. Alford, of Gonzales, Texas, united in marriage Mr. O'Jennings Gill (Beta Phi) and Miss Rene F. Dees.

The parlor was beautifully decorated with palms. Over the mantel at the rear of the parlor, holly and camelias were tastefully arranged thus presenting a grand appearance. Mendelssohn's wedding march was chosen and executed by Miss Bertha Dumas, of New Orleans, the charming niece of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dees. At the first strains of the wedding march the bride and groom entered and took their places. The bride presented a beautiful appearance, dressed in a rich garment of tan color trimmed in brown velvet and chiffon, which made her queenly look most perfect. She carried a boquet of pink camelias.

After the ceremony hearty congratulations were in order, then the doors of the spacious dining room were thrown open and the party gathered around the tables and partook of the bountiful refreshments.

About eleven o'clock the crowd began to leave for their homes, and the bride and groom went to the beautiful mansion of H. C. Gill, on Lake Front, where they will make their home.—Lake Charles, La., Press, January 19.

Van Zandt-Ralston.—At high noon yesterday, at the First Baptist Church, Miss Lucile Ralston, daughter of Captain J. C. Ralston, of this city, and Mr. Birto Thomas Van Zandt, of Paris, Tex., were happily married.

The church was tastefully decorated with palms and overgreens in honor of the occasion, although no invitations had been issued and only a few intimate friends besides the members of the family were presest. Those of the Sigma Nu fraternity who did not take part in the ceremony occupied reserved seats, the bride having a brother in Sigma Nu, and the groom being also a popular member of the fraternity.

A few minutes after the city clock had struck 12,

the bridal party arrived at the church. Preceded by the ushers, Messrs. Charles Stephenson and George Carter, came Miss Lila Ralston and Mr. Geo. Shelley, and following them came the bride and groom, as the strains of Wagner's graud old Tanheauser march filled the church. At the altar they were met by Dr. French, who in a simple and beautiful ceremony pronounced the words making the happy couple husband and wife.

They were at once driven to the depot, where they took their departure for Paris, their future home.

Both the young people are ex-students of the University of Texas, and we see that Cupid has again dared to invade the classic halls where supposedly only musty tomes are loved. Schoolmates, sweethearts, man and wife. May their new life, so happily begun with the benisons of a host of friends, ever be in fulfillment of the sincerest wishes of those who love them.

SEARS-BALCH.—The Chillicothe, (O.) Daily News has this to say of the brainy and popular W. J. Sears, who has done so much for our fraternity:

"The opportunity of announcing an engagement does not come every day, but the Daily News is authorized to-day to quote the following social tid-bit from a recent issue of the Minneapolis Journal: "Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Balch announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen, to Mr. Walter J. Sears, of Chillicothe, Ohio."

"This comes in the nature of a pleasant surprise, but Miss Balch has many acquaintances and relatives in Chillicothe, to whom this note of information will prove most interesting, as well as to Mr. Sears' wide circle of friends, among whom he is so well and so favorably known, and who are now lavishing congratulations upon him for having been so fortunate as to gain the consent of such a lovely flancee.

"She is the niece of the late Mrs. James R. Anderson, of Anderson's Station, and also of the late Dr.

Jenkins Morris, of Leavenworth. They, with Mrs. Balch, were the descendants of Mr. John Morris, one of the pioneers of this valley. Miss Balch met Mr. Sears upon a visit here in 1891, and renewed acquaintance with him on her return to this city in 1894. She has recently been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Daniels, at Leavenworth, and it was during Mr. Sears' recent Western trip that the engagement was decided. The wedding will occur some time next June at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Balch, in Minneapolis."

Loyal, brainy, courageous alumni like Walter Sears are not as numerous as the sands of the sea, hence we pause before rejoicing at the happiness which is his in winning this queenly young woman. If it shall mean that Sigma Nu, and hence his own Beta Nu, is to be the loser by this sacred relation of marriage, whose claims upon a man's time and love are pre-eminent, then our rejoicing will not be unmixed with regret. But we shall not despair until we hear it from his own lips Years after his college days are over, he recently writes thus: "I met with my dear old Beta Nu last night. I found her strong and brave and fine-just as she has been always and just as I pray God she may always be." And to that appeal we add our own, that as Walter Sears is to-day may he always be: A specimen of the best type of the true fraternity man!





1. A. EARL AMERMAN.

Upsilon, University of Texas.

2. ROBERT ELMER HORTON.

Gamma Gamma, Albion College, Michigan.

3. THOS. C. HOYL.

Mu, '97, University of Georgia.

4. J. H. COLEMAN.

Beta Xi, William Jewell, Liberty, Missouri.

5. A. H. WILSON.

Beta Iota, Mt. Union, Alliance, Ohio.

6. OLUF TANDBERG.

Delta Theta, Lombard, Galesburg, Illinois.

7. ALTO VELO LEE, JR.

Theta, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

8. G. H. CHASMAR.

Pi, Lehigh, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

9. F. V. KEESLING.

Beta Chi, Leland Stanford, Stanford, California.

10. IRA RICHARDSON.

Beta Lambda, Central, Fayette, Missouri.

11. C. J. STEWARD.

Kappa and Xi, residence Kansas City.

12. JNO. R. JESTER.

Eta, Mercer, Macon, Georgia.

13. HUGH H. WHITE.

Mu, University of Georgia, Athens.

14. J. L. STOUT.

Beta Beta, De Pauw, Greencastle, Indiana.

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## BETA MU'S ANNUAL BANQUET.

(C, W. JONES.)

Have just returned from Iowa where, on last Friday evening, Feb., 18, was held Beta Mu's Fourth Anniversary Banquet.

From our arrival, we were royally entertaned; nothing being left undone to make our visit a pleasant one, and our only regret was that we were not triplets that we might accept a larger portion of the invitation extended us. I enclose you extract concerning the Banquet, from the "Vidette-Reporter" of the 19thinst, which is as good as anything I might write.

As a toast-master, Bro. Kiser was a signal success Roy A. Palmeter briefly reviewed our past, closing with words of encouragement. The name of Allin has always been so closely interwoven with all pertaining to Beta Mu's welfare that it will be with much pleasure that our alumni learn of the initiation of George His toast was excellent and called forth many favorable comments. We certainly have a strong man in him, and one who is much interested in the frat. "Tiny" Klingenberg developed into a poet of no mean ability, but his modesty prevented his furnishing a copy of his toast for the "DELTA" The remarks of that energetic and lovable Sig, Walter S. Ankeney, were characteristic of the man, and were well received. I enclose you engraved menu card, but have detached dance program.

On Saturday evening, Robert James Bannister, of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Charles Lloyd Leigh, of Dubuque, Iowa, were initiated. The goat, which has been so carefully fed on empty cans and other delicacies by George Allin, during the past few weeks, and which is usually quite tractable, fell upon brother Klingenberg, who was assisting in the initiation, and before any of his "friends" could prevent it, administered to him the second degree in a new and novel manner, but one

entirely satisfactory to all concerned—save "Tiny." Bro. K. no longer informs his many friends that he has never received the second degree, but patiently bears his nick-name of "Tinny" which the goat, with disregard for all rules of spelling, impressed upon him.

FROM "THE VIDETTE-REPORTER," FEB. 19, 1898.

An annual event in University social life took place last evening in the St. James Hotel. For the fourth time the Sigs celebrated the anniversary of their chapter's coming from beneath the rose, by an elaborate banquet, with dancing in their hall afterwards.

Both the banquet and the dancing halls were decorated with bunting in the fraternity colors—black, white and gold. The tables at the St. James were arranged in shape of a horse-shoe, and decorated with beautiful flowers. The gleam of the red, white and blue lights, together with the harmonious draping of fraternity colors, gave the hall a most beautiful appearance. In fact the amiable host, Mr. Lumbard, spared no pains to make the occasion one of utmost pleasure and comfort to his guests. Four of the alumni members from outside of the city were present—Jones, '95, Palmeter, Keeler and Kiser, '97. Miss Holway, of Decorah, and Miss Van Meter, '97, were among the guests.

Mr. Don Kiser, '97, of Ottumwa, acted as toast-master; the list of toasts being as follows:

One of the speakers being called out of the city, Mr. W. S. Ankeney was called upon for a few extempore words.

After the table was cleared, a flash-light photograph was taken by Mr. Wertz, and the company adjourned to the fraternity hall to dance until the "wee small hours."



## EDWARD R. ARTHUR.

(ALPHA, '69.)

Edward Robert Arthur is dead! He was the 13th charter member of the mother chapter, Alpha, at V. M. I. in 1869, and his activity in the work of Sigma Nu so endeared him to our hearts that his death is a personal loss and we stand in the shadow of this sorrow with bowed heads and smitten hearts. His splendid record is set forth on page 6 of the Catalogue. The circumstances of his death are thus briefly-related in a dispatch to the Asheville Citizen, kindly sent us by Clarence W. Murphey:

"Edward R. Arthur, of Columbia, S. C., a brother of John P. Arthur, Esq., of Asheville, died Monday morning. Mr. Arthur was with a hunting party about 20 miles from Columbia when death came. He complained of illness Sunday, but the attack was not considered serious. Shortly after midnight he awoke and complained of pain in his side. His companion rubbed him and he again went to sleep. When his friend went to awaken him about 9:30, Mr. Arthur was found dead. Death was due to heart disease. Edward R. Arthur was clerk of the court of general sessions and common pleas for Richland county, which position he had filled for 17 years. The State says he was unquestionably one of the most popular men, not only of Columbia but

of the county, and the news of his sudden death will be a blow to his host of friends."

## H. E. COPPER.

Howard Elijah Copper was born December 11, 1865, at Fairfield, Va. He spent his boyhood on a farm, attending school five months in the year. 1885 he came to Kansas, taught school and entered the State University. There he became a member of Mu chapter and ever afterwards was one of its leading lights. In University politics he was a strikiug figure and many of the feats of Copper in this line are still related on Mt. Oread. To him may be ascribed the honor of having made the Crimson the University col-He held numerous positions of trust while a member of the student body and graduated with high honors. He afterwards became Superintendent of Schools in Pleasanton and Conway Springs, Kansas, resigning the latter position to take up the practice of law. He located at Wichita, where he won many friends, not only professionally, but also personsonally. During the last two or three years he suffered from poor health and finally went back to his old home, where he died April 3, 1897. His memory will with us remain as one of the brightest, cleverest young intellects in Kansas. Nu chapter sheds a parting tear on his grave for certainly it, as well as the world, is better for Howard Elijah Copper's having lived in ED. T. H. it a little while.





Theta Delta Chi is reported dead at Kenyon.

Delta Tau Delta has moved into a chapter house at Adelbert.

Beta Theta Pi owns ten chapter houses and rents twenty-one.

Alpha Tau Omega has entered the University of Texas with four men.

Beta Theta Pi is reported to have purchased a chapter house at Wesleyan University.

Psi Upsilon has at last granted a charter to the Omega Club at the University of Chicago.

Theta Delta Chi is said to have withdrawn from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A new sorority, Theta Delta Psi, with a shield shaped pin has made its appearance at Bucknell.

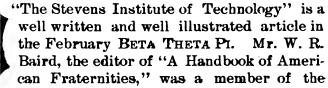
It is reported that Phi Delta Theta will soon erect a chapter house at the University of Pennsylvania.

Kappa Alpha has bought the Administration Building of the Centennial for a chapter house at Vanderbilt.

The charter of the California Psi Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega, at Leland Stanford, has been withdrawn.

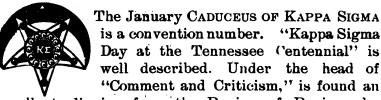
Phi Gamma Delta has entered the University of Illinois with twenty-two charter members, seventeen of whom are now active.

Delta Kappa Epsilon will soon have manufactured, under the direction of her officers, rugs upon which the coat of arms and design of the pin will be reproduced.



Stevens Chapter, which was formerly a chapter of Alpha Sigma Chi. The article on the subject of whether the alumni or the uudergraduates should grant and withdraw charters, may be well read by every fraternity man. The author takes the ground that the alumni should have control of this branch of fraternity affairs and gives numerous arguments in support of his claim. Following this article is a reply to it, upholding the present policy of Beta Theta Pi, which entrusts this matter to the undergraduates. The death of Hon. John Reilly Knox, the founder of Beta Theta Pi, which took place at his home in Greenville, Ohio, February, 7th., was duly noticed. He was of the class of 1840 at Miami University. We cannot but pause and pay our respects to the memory of the founder of any purely Greek-Letter College Fraternity in the United States, and to express our sympathy to Fraternities which thus mourns their honored dead.

The October number of the THETA DELTA CHI SHIELD is filled with items of interest especially to the members of that fraternity. One thing especially to be commended, is the large number of charge or chap ter letters. There is no feature of the fraternity magazine of more vital interest and importance than this matter of having every chapter represented in each issue by a well-written chapter letter. It is through these letters alone that the alumni of the respective chapters are enabled to know what the standing of the chapter is and the general condition of affairs at the college. Let each chapter of Sigma Nu bear this in mind and then mark the wonderful improvement in the next Delta.



excellent clipping from the Review of Reviews by President Thwing of Western Reserve University. After discussing some of the advantages to be derived from membership in a fraternity, he thus describes the relation of fraternities to college politics:

"The disadvantages of fraternities is pretty closely related to what is called 'college politics.' College politics, on the whole, is quite as bad for the college as what is known as 'politics' in the large world of civil relations is bad for pure Democratic government. For the bickerings and squabblings prevailing in college politics consume large amounts of time and strength without rendering adequate results. But the same temptation of going into college politics exist for the man who is not a member of any Fraternity."

"Fraternity life at Cornell," the leading article of the ALPHA TAU OMEGA PALM for January, gives a pleasing account of fraternity life in that institution. The fraternity houses have largely taken the place of dormitories, thus giving peculiar importance to the frat rnities in their relation to college life; indeed, as the authors states, "The natural consequence of this large number of fraternities has been to make of Cornell the greatest fraternity university of the world."

CHI PSI at this institution owns the finest chapter house in the world. According to this issue, the fine of five dollars, which is to be imposed on chapters failing to send in letters without reasonable excuse, will be strictly enforced. How this plan will work remains to be seen. Better offer a reward of five dollars to the reporter who does his duty during the year!

Pioneer days of SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON is an interesting account of the experiences of the Sig. Alphs before the war. Following this are articles on Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Worcester Polytecnic Institute, at the University of Georgia, and at the University of North Carolina. At the University of Georgia, the chapter has secured one of the landmarks of Athens, a house built in 1820, which, from the cut, looks quite picturesque. This is a progressive move on the part of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the South-

Recollections of the past are often pleasing and this is especially true of an article, in the January Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, on the early days of the fraternity, written by one of the earliest members. One of the most interesting features of this article is the description of the initiation of a man on the side of a hill in broad daylight. The history of the author's Delta Tau Delta pin, which was worn during the Civil War, is also quite interesting. The following advice on the subject of chapter letters is timely and to the point: "Do not use abbreviations. Put January and not "Jan." Do not write your letter to the Editor, though, of course it should be mailed to him. \* \* \* \* Do not write the name of the Fraternity or of your chapter in the Greek characters. The Editor has to-day been robbed of time that he much needed for other purposes but which he had to spend in editing chapter letters. This direction is very easy to follow and the reporter who does not heed it is in need of a guardian."

The Faculty has forbidden students under Junior year to join fraternities at William Jewell College. This is not viewed as a hostile move by the fraternity men, but on the contrary they agree with the faculty in believing it to be advantageous to all concerned.—Western College Magazine.

The Western College Magazine is a welcome visitor clad in carmine and gold, and freighted with the choicest news and comment of nearly all the Western Its leading article for October might well Institutions. adorn the pages of the North American Review. Indeed, it should be given space in every literary magazine, so excellent is it in all particulars. The subject is "Fraternities: Some of the Whys and Whereferes of the System"-by Royall H. Switzler. As the article would cover one page of the St. Louis Republic, we have not the space to reproduce it here. It is a most voluminous as well as the ablest presentation of the fraternity question. Educated at the University of Missouri the author had unusual opportunities to observe the operation of fraternities under the most favorable circumstances. If his article emanates from his own head and heart he is, indeed, a frater in whom there is no guile. He certainly had Rho Chapter of Sigma Nu in mind when he wrote this: "Fraternity spirit is characterized by a combination of loyalty and energy. It is easy to distinguish the man possessing the true spirit. \* \* \* He never appears anything but an honor to his society in dress, conduct or character. His active interest in his chapter does not cease after he has been severed from its more intimate relations. As an alumnus he ever extends his moral and material support to his chapter, remembering the benefit he has derived in years gone by. Such a man is possessed of the true and live fraternal spirit." Harry J. Myers, (Sigma Nu) is Managing Editor of this Magazine, Temple Block, Kansas City, Mo. \$1.00 per year! Published monthly, 10 cents per copy.

The charter of the Ohio Delta Chapter, at the University of Wooster, has been withdrawn by the General Council of Phi Delta Theta. This step has been taken on account of the "steady deterioration of the quality of the student body of the institution."



The subjects of Theta Nu Epsilon and the Yale-Harvard Plan are thus discussed by the KAPPA ALPHA JOURNAL, and while regretting the prolonged absence of that esteemed contemporary from our table, we reproduce with pleasure its wise re-

flections upon these two live topics. Says the Journal: "There is a class of college organization which by its growth in prominence of late years, has served materially to handicap the aspirations of fraternities. These institutions are the fruit of the spread of conviviality and caste among the colleges. Theta Nu Epsilon is the zenith of these abominations, and is the model after which a now numerous army of locals is fashioned. In college communities where they abound, fraternities have, in a weak-kneed manner, allowed members promiscuous connection therewith, thereby compromising not only essential conceptions, but tacitly submitting to actual violation of an obligation required by virtually all fraternities. As a result, in numerous localities fraternities have been dislodged from their original moorings and have drifted into society, politics, athletics or wrecked outright. A moderate amount of back-bone is all that is needed to stem the tide and the concerted action of a few representative fraternities not yet undermined by these pests. would, it appears, meet the exigency. The vast concourse of law, medical and dental "fraternities" should also be given due credit for their yeoman labors along the line of diluting real fraternity spirit. If these concerns be "quizz clubs" (as they generally claim) they should not masquerade under a Greek-letter title, nor, if fraternities, should they select their membership from the ranks of other fraternities. To the untutored general public anything bearing the Hellenic stamp, whether Theta Nu Epsilon, Phi Delta Phi or Alpha Delta Phi, is a fraternity. As these affairs, as a class, make

no pretensions toward the cultivation of the fraternal (in case of the opposite at the expense of others) they are consequently merely barracles on the body politic of the fraternity system. They should be made to come out of the wood-pile and surrender their Greek-letter disguise or be placed under a universal ban. As a generality it would be better if both alternatives could be enforced."

The spasmodic and unfruitful efforts of various fraternities to reform the existing conditions of life at Yale and Harvard has about clinched the popular opinion that there is a something in the local atmosphere of each antagonistic to the development of the intrinsically fraternal. Those fraternities which have survived these experiments successfully have been compelled to sacrifice some of their essential principles and have become for the most part merely class clubs. Alpha Delta Phi, after many long and vicissitudinous years of endeavor to batter down the stone wall of the Yale system, gave up over a year ago and fell in line with the long established Junior clubs, Psi U. and D. K. E. To illustrate the unique character of the privileges enjoyed by these "chapters," members from other chapters entering Yale below Junior are not recognized, and though generally re-elected to membership in the fraternity when the junior year is reached, such is option-In the last number of the D. K. E. Quarterly the Yale chapter-letter records that "Julius Tuckerman, formerly of Mu chapter (Hamilton), was elected to active membership in the Phi" (Yale). In view of meeting the peculiar conditions of the place, Beta Theta Pi now conducts a chapter at Harvard after the same fashion. Any Beta going to Harvard is compelled, in case he desires to continue active fraternity relations, to go through a second election. The popular form of the Greek letter organization at Harvard nowappears to be a mere association of members of the same fraternity

from different chapters attending the University. This arrangement is simply an alumni association, and there are no charters, and, of course, no right to initiate. D. K. E. has conducted an association of this variety for some time, and the November Sigma Chi Quarterly annouces the formation of a similar organization of its members now studying there. The Quarterly quotes one of the organizers to this effect: "Our purpose is not as some may suppose, to form a club which shall in any way compete with the various fraternities and clubs here, for we think that is neither advisable not practicable. In this University fraternities as fraternities have no standing. We do not think that the true fraternity spirit exists and we strongly under the present conditions, disapprove of a chapter being placed here."

THE ALPHA PHI QUARTERLY for November is a jubilee number, as Alpha Phi was founded at the University of Syracuse in 1872, thus being twenty-five years old. The celebration was held with the Alpha Chapter at the University of Syracuse. The meeting was enlivened by the initiation by the Alpha Chapter of nine candidates. The affairs of the fraternity seem to be in a prosperous condition and the Delta congratulates the fraternity in general upon its progress.

THE KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA KEY for January comes to our table in its usual good form. It contains a brief but comprehensive history of "College Fraternities for Women," from Harper's Bazar. The history of the founding and progress of the Key is quite interesting. A new departure in fraternity circles is the proposal, by an undergraduate member, to confer the degree of "B. K. Ph.", Bachelor of Kappa Philosophy, upon members of Kappa Kappa Gamma completing the college course. The new catalogue is in course of prepation and will soon be ready for distribution.

Furman University is the seat of another antifraternity row. The non-fraternity students, elated by the success of the attack upon the fraternities at South Carolina college, are preparing to make war upon the fraternities at the institution, believing that they have the sympathy of the faculty.

THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND of Pi Kappa Alpha for January is a bright and interesting issue. According to the list of chapters, thirteen are active and two inactive, and there are eight alumni chapters, quite a good showing for the fraternity. The SHIELD and DIAMOND is thoroughly devoted to the interests of Pi Kappa Alpha and the fraternity is certainly to be congratulated upon the possession of such a loyal magazine.

It was with genuine pleasure that we read the article, "The Tea as a Factor in College Life," in the January Anchora of Delta Gamma. It is bright and well written and aptly describes the first experience of the "freshman" in the social sphere of college activity. Under the direction of Miss Joe Anna Ross, the new Editor-in-Chief, it continues to be a credit to the members of Delta Gamma. The resignation of Miss Ethel Baker as Grand President is announced and Miss Nina Howard, Northwestern, '95, has been elected to fill the vacancy. Let every member of Sigma Nu read and consider the following editorial:

A fraternity is judged by its journal, which, in turn, is judged by its contents. The members of a fraternity have no more sacred obligation to fulfil than that of giving personal attention to their own official organ. The latter will not create itself. Neither can an editor compile a journal representative of an organized body of people unless those people express their thoughts for publication. Let every Delta Gamma ask herself the question: "Is Anchora really representative of our fraternity? Am I doing all within my power to make it so? Am I indifferently allowing others to bear the burdens of responsibility in regard to it?"

The Kappa Alpha Theta for January has two leading articles on "The Date of Asking Day" and "Inter-Fraternity Action," which are of especial merit and worthy of consideration. They both bear upon questions that are common to all fraternities. One of the undergraduate members makes a strong plea for more literary work in the Chapter meetings. One reason advanced will doubtless be heartily endorsed by every editor of a fraternity publication. We clip it for the benefit of the Reporters of the various Chapters of Sigma Nu:

"Literary work must be sustained by our fraternity chapters. It is needed to improve the tone of our chapter letters. An impartial critic of our Journal would, we believe, unhesitatingly declare that an evident need of our chapter correspondents was a more thorough training along literary lines. We may fairly believe that the correspondent is representative of her chapter in this respect, most certainly she should represent its best literary talent. But we fear in these times the subject of chapter correspondents is a dangerous one. We may have suggested however some slight remedy for the really serious lack of correct form and interesting style of most of the material submitted as chapter letters—a lack which all must deplore. must strive to train our literary judgment and develop truer appreciations that we may maintain the standard of our fraternity Journal and strengthen its influence with our college girls and alumnæ."

A writer in the Kappa Kappa Gamma Key proposes a degree of "B. K. Ph.," Bachelor of Kappa Philosophy, to be conferred only upon members completing the college course.

Governor Hastings. of Pennsylvania, has signed an act to provide a fine of \$100 for any person who wears any badge or button of any labor or fraternal organization without the right to do so by membership.



"Chapter Houses in Southern Colleges is the subject of the leading article of the December SCROLL. This article immediately invites the attention of every thoughtful reader of fraternity literature, for in

the South it seems that fraternities are beginning to gain an exceedingly strong hold. The article which is well written and quite readable, is illustrated with cuts of some of the chapter houses of the different fraternities. Sigma Nu is credited with having the only houses in Kentucky and Missouri, at Central University and the University of Missouri. Another very interesting article is entitled "College Annuals," being a review of the annuals of the different institutions in which chapters of Phi Delta Theta are located. Many valuable facts and figures are presented in an attractive manner. This has been one of the best feat ures of the Scroll for years.

The December SHIELD OF PHI KAPPA PSI contains an interesting article, "Phi Kappa Psi Reality," which is illustrated by cuts of a number of their chapter The article makes a very creditable showing indeed for Phi Kappa Psi, her property amounting to \$100,000, and will doubtless act as a stimulus to the other chapters to obtain houses which do so much to encourage true fraternal spirit and congeniality among the members of the fraternity. This is followed in the January SHIELD, by an excellent article on the chapter houses rented. Altogether, Phi Kappa Psi is to be congratulated on her chapter houses. The members of Sigma Nu may well read these articles and reflect upon the needs of their respective chapters in the line of permanent homes.

Dr. Jerome H. Raymond, the newly elected President of the West Virginia University. is a Beta Theta Pi.



THE DELTA KAPPA EPSILON QUARTERLY contains an interesting article on "Progress or Stagnation." The following on Canadian extension is worthy of especial consideration: "The question of Canadian extension calls for consideration on different lines from that

of extension in Europe. I believe that the cultivation of intimate relations between Canada and the United States is a patriotic duty. In many respects the two countries are one already. The transfusion of blood has gone on until a fourth of all native Canadians are living in the United States. It is desirable that those living at home should be brought into close and friendly contact with the best side of American life. This the affiliation of the elite of their youth at the most impressionable age with the first of American college fraternities would help to accomplish. If Delta Kappa Epsilon were planted in three or four of the best Canadian Universities, and Canadian delegates attended the conventions every year, the idea of the essential unity of North America would be sensibly advanced."

THE TRIDENT of Delta Delta for November is a convention number. The convention was held with the Theta Chapter at the University of Minnesota. It was voted that the use of the word Sorosis be discarded and that hereafter the word Fraternity will be used in connection with Delta Delta Delta. A membership of 555 was reported and a new financial policy adopted. The next convention will be held with the Zeta Chapter at the University of Cincinnati in 1900. "Rushing" is discussed in its various aspects by several articles from undergraduate members.

Sigma Chi at her last convention adopted the white rose, emblematic of purity, love, and faith, as the fraternity flower. The white rose was adopted by Sigma Nu in 1884.

"The Columbian University" is described in The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi for October. The establishment of a Chapter at Butler College of the University of Indianapolis is announced. A local society, Alpha Phi Psi was absorbed, with thirteen members. "The Convention From a Colorado Mid-Summer Point of View" is an attractive write-up of the experiences of an undergraduate member at the convention. A strong plea is made for interest in the fraternity on the part of each alumnus. "Once a Pi Beta Phi, always a Pi Beta Phi" is urged.

We have not received lately copies of the following fraternity publications: D. K. E. Quarterly, Sigma Chi Quarterly, Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly, Kappa Alpha Journal, Psi Upsilon Review, Delta Upsilon Quarterly. Please address copies for exchange to

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#### J. ROBERT BOATMAN.

#### [SEE ENGRAVING.]

Among the generation of Sigma Nus who have joined in the last half decade, there is no brother more widely known nor one more universally respected and beloved, than John Robert Boatman. He is one of two brothers of all the throng whom the writer has known and loved, the praise of whom his tongue and pen run riot through language to express.

He is strong of body and broad of mind, with a love of humanity which few possess. His talents are so varied and his disposition so adaptable that he is never idle nor wants for friends. Born in Mexico, Mo., educated at Kentucky University, Lexington, and a gradaate of Central University, Richmond, and having preached to the Christian Church at Glasgow, Ky., and taught and preached in Madison county, Ky., he has a wider acquaintance, and a stronger following of attached friends, than any young man we know. we do not know his peer in all that constitutes a true man. It may detract from the dignity of a tribute of sincere respect to enumerate his versatile gifts, but for the novelty and the added interest, which personal comparison may produce, we call up the names of members widely known with characteristics distinctively their own:

Jas. Alvin Clark D.T. is a Minister of the Gospel J. Robt. Boatman, Zeta " " "

J. Robt. Riggs, Zeta is a School Teacher.

J. Robt. Boatman " " "

Geo. S. Wilkinson, G. B. is a Cornetist.

J. Robt. Boatman,

G. A. Robbins, B. N. is a Bicyclist.

J. Robt. Boatman "

Hamilton M. Dawes, Rho, is an Orator J. Robt. Boatman, "" "

J. Quincy Ward, Z. is a Horseman.

J. Robt. Boatman

Carl Lane Clemans, B. C. was a Foot-ballist.

J. Robt. Boatman

Harry L. Maxwell, B. B. is a Singer.

J. Robt. Boatman

Ralph Folks, G. G. is a Skater.

J. Robt. Boatman

George Stephens, Psi, is a Baseballist

J. Robt. Boatman

W. L. Kemp, Mu, is a Debater.

J. Robt. Boatman "

W. S. Ankeney, B. M. is an Accountant.

J. Robt. Boatman

Dane Dunlop, B. B., is a Temperance Leader. J. Robt. Boatman

Ernest E. Olp, G. B. is a Typewriter.

J. Robt. Boatman,

Harvey Chenault, Z. is a Farmer.

J. Robt. Boatman

T. D. Witherspoon, Jr., B. U. is an Electrician. Machinist.

J. Robt. Boatman

Isaac P. Robinson, L. is a Physician. J. Robt. Boatman "" Carpenter.

If the stranger reader can repress a smile of doubt we may add to the above that "Brother Boatman" a name by which he is universally known, is one of the handsomest men in Kentucky and one of the most chivalrous within her borders. He does all things well and his admirers are from every sphere of life. myriad gifts are forgotten when we meet and know the His great warm heart draws all to him with magnetism irresistible. His gentleness and yet his might, his power with his modesty, his fitness to adorn any public station yet preferring to labor among the lowly of earth, his fidelity to friends—all are his friends, no foes has he—make him a splendid type of the christian citizen, one of the most distinctive figures in Sigma Nu, one of the best loved, the most lovable.

### Delta of Sigma Mu.

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CLRENCE E. WOODS, Editor and Publisher, Richmond, Kentucky.

NEW CHARTER.—It is with genuine pleasure that the Grand Recorder announces the completion of a very handsome new charter lithographed in the colors of the fraternity, and bearing its public symbols. The instrument is about  $21\frac{1}{2}\times26$  inches in dimensions, on satin-finished paper, and in all particulars very attractive. All chapters Reporters should fold up and return our old charter to the Grand Recorder who will return new ones as rapidly as possible.

NEW LAW.—The Grand Recorder will shortly issue new copies of the revised LAW, the supply of old ones being exhausted. The Committee on Jurisprudence had a most uninviting task to perform, but it is

due Bro. A. Miller Belfield to say that he has completed the work in a manner creditable alike to himself and to the wisdom of the Regent who honored him with the important commission. It is hoped to have the work out in six or eight weeks. It will be indexed and have cross-references.

O NLY the deepest sense of gratitude impels our frequent allusion to the high quality of work performed for Sigma Nu by our Most Eminent Regent, Dr. Isaac P. Robinson. A personal knowledge of the great labor he is constantly performing, exceeding that done by any other person in our acquaintance; certainly ten times the work performed by any other Regentsince Sigma Nu was officered by any previous esteemed brother of his rank, compels us to say that the lofty post of honor to which Brother Robinson has been twice elected is considered by him so sacred and worthy of his best endeavors, that he is sacrificing his personal affairs to the performance of his self-imposed There is no matter to which he does not give close attention and the most consciencious consideration. The path of the Grand Recorder has been a troublous one during the late unsettled and unprosperous era of our country. A hundred nights in the year has he added six hours to his daily task of eight, solaced only by the thought that were it not for Robinson he would be compelled to sit up ALL NIGHT! But from this or that source came tidings of the letters of cheer and comfort, admonition and advice, which the faithful Regent had sent-letters which breathed out the brotherly spirit that only a great-hearted man possesses and our faint heart and weary body were, in the contemplation of his zeal and energy, spurred to new endeavors. We have in our heart the truest appreciation of the invaluable assistance from other sources, but of the Regent's work we beg the privilege of speaking here. Let us utter Now our words of praise whilst his ears can hear and his heart be cheered by our own gratitude. To wait to lay a wreathe upon the bier of beloved dead is oft a mockery, when we so cruelly witheld the heart's affection whilst our loved ones still lived.

Commanders, Reporters, ALL! you, in whose behalf this princely man has spentathousand hours every year, emulate his example by a higher, nobler and more dutiful regard for your obligations to Sigma Nu.

RO. GREENLEAF H. CHASMAR has resigned the position of Inspector of Division V, and the most Eminent Regent, at the former's request, has appointed in his stead Bro. John Thomas Callaghan Jr. Pi '92, 123 S. High St., Bethlehem, Pa. Bro. Chasmar has done noble and efficient work for Sigma Nu and we lose him regretfully from our councils.

THE Seventh Division, which embraces one-fourth of the chapters of the entire fraternity, will hold its next annual convention May 13-14, at Bloomington, Ind., with Beta Eta Chapter, which is preparing to make a great success of the occasion. We are pleased to note the wide-a-wake interest in the matter on the part of Inspector Junk, who has steered his Division so admirably since his election to office. He is in touch with every chapter and, like Kemp, has displayed a remarkable degree of interest in all the affairs of the fraternity. With Junk's energy and Sears' aid, this convention will surely be attended by every chapter. (See page 211).

ALTER A. CONANT writes thus, gratifying the Grand Recorder: "Accept my warm congratulations on what you have done to get the fraternity out of debt. It was a big and worthy effort, and you deserve praise for it."



HE Seventh Division is afflicted with a misapprehen-Sion on the part of at least two of its chapters as regards finances, that should be cleared up in the minds of these well meaning brethren. They are under the impression that the expenses of their delegates to the division convention are to be deducted from the dues of the chapter to the General Fraternity. The two have no connection whatever, and there is no warrant in law or precedent for the strange supposition. If the fraternity should attempt to excuse a chapter from its dues on this account there would be a greater scramble for the honor of being its representative to these pleasant gatherings. Until the grand treasury can fully warrant the payment of pro rata expenses to delegates to the Grand Chapter it is silly to think it should bear the expenses of a convention in each of its numerous divisions.

HE Pacific Coast Sigs are a whole host in themselves. An elaborate invitation "A Sigma Nu Convention," under the auspices of the Eighth Division, at San Francisco, on March 5, leads us to hope that there was a hearty response and a full attendance upon this occasion. We hereby notify President Crothers that we shall expect a full compliance with promises in the invitation, viz:

"We must send back to the "Delta" a good write-up and a flash light photo that will open the eyes of our Eastern Brethren."

Any one of the following committee, E. Myron Wolf, Clarence L. Feusier, H. Robinson Plate, Horace W. Morgan, Marvin Curtis, Secretary, could provide an interesting account of the meeting, but we doubt the ability of any man on the coast to improve upon the report of the '97 meeting by Clarence L. Fensier. It was a gem and is a model for future discriptive accounts.



HILE the Delta is in the binder's hands, news comes of the installation of still another Chapter, at the University of Vermont. The installation occurred on Saturday night, March 5, in New York under the auspices of the New York Alumni Association of Sigma Nu, of which the following are officers: John Herndon French, M. D., President; Daniel W. Langton. 1st Vice President; G. H. Chasmar, 2d Vice President; B. F. Stone, Jr., Treasurer; John S. Parker, Secretary. We are unable to give more than this aunouncement. Full particulars in the next issue. The Chapter will be called Delta Sigma, D. C. Wedgeworth, Reporter, Converse Hall, Burlington, Vt.

The ROM the old and new generation of Sigma Nu two bright lights have lately been extinguished by death—E. R. Arthur and F. S. Conant. The Delta, which has recited the deeds of their lives, records the end of these beloved brethren with a high degree of selfish sorrow, which makes us know that as we bonored and loved them in life, in death they are not forgotten.

E are indebted to Bro. C. W. Murphey, of Savannah. Ga.. for many photos of the men composing Lambda and Alpha Chapters in the early 80's. Two pictures of our present Regent are among the interesting collection.

OMPLAINTS continue to come in about Theta Nu Upsilon, and the probability is that the next Grand Chapter will forbid members joining that Fraternity. Here is a sample from one of our chapters which at one time stood near the top in everything, but now shows no life although existing! "Here the members who belong to Theta Nu Upsilon take no interest whatever in their old fraternity, nor do they seem to care for it. Instead their whole fraternity life seems to be wrapped up in Theta Nu. It certainly seems to me that every time a Sigma Nu joins that fraternity it results in injury to our fraternity." (See page 153).

The new year starts off with two new chapters for Sigma Nu—Gamma Beta at Northwestern January, 21, fully described on page 171; and Beta Sigma, at Vermont University on March 5. To the new brothers are extended the best wishes of a host of well wishes for an endless career of triumphs.

THE editor of the DELTA will be pleased to peceive reports of the condition of all our State, Division. and Alumni Associations, of which there are ten in existence, more or less active, Viz: Alabama, California, Charlotte, N. C.. Columbus, O., Eastern, Louisana, Northwestern, IV, VI, and VII Divisions.

RO. CLEMANS, prolific in schemes for the advancement of Sigma Nu, suggests that an annual inspection of chapters be held, an examination of the members upon the Law and History, followed by a celebration of some kind. We will add that it will pay to defray expenses of Inspectors to their chapters to teach officers their duties, especially Reporters and Treasurers.

THE most important article that has appeared in the DELTA in years is that, in this issue, which occupies pages 155-164, entitled "Remedial Legislation." It is from the facile pen of one of the ablest and most zea'. ous members of the fraternity, a man whose intelligent conception of the needs of Sigma Nu entitle him to first rank in her councils. We thank him now for the work he has so masterfully planned for the Grand Chapter to perform. We have sat in national and division convention with Bro. Sears and have personal knowledge of his great service in chapter work. every position he has displayed powers which make him a wise counselor and intrepid leader. His experience is so vast, his zeal so great, his ideas so practical, that we might well follow his advice without fear. To every prospective delegate we especially commend this superb criticism of our fraternity. It is so wise, so fair, so devoid of error, and withal so full of hope and cheer that ALL should ponder it with an eye single to the great end at which its author aims. One hundred extra copies of the article will be distributed at the next Grand Chapter.

E suggest to the Seventh Division that at its forthcoming meeting, for which Inspector Junk issues a Call, on page 211, that the question of re-districting the division be debated. This Division contains ten chapters—about one-fourth of the entire roll! The Ohio chapters more properly belong to the Fifth Division, which they would vastly strengthen and upbuild by their addition to it.

The annual meeting of the Louisiana State Alumni Association of Sigma Nu was held in Temperance Hall, New Orleans, on February 19, but todate no report of what gave promise of being a splendid meeting has been recieved by the Delta, whose editor made a sincere effort to attend. Grand Treasurer H. M. Furman is President of the Association, and we shall expect a full report of the meeting.

Chapter is at hand! where shall we go this time? A cordial invitation is extended by the Omaha Exposition Company to meet there. But the question to be decided is where can we go to draw the largest number of delegates, with due respect to the idea of rotation from one section of the country to another.

It was the belief of a very large proportion of the deligates at the Nashville Convention that the meeting should be held in Atlanta, July 20th. to the 23d. during the great meeting of the Confederate Veterans, when rates will be low on all railroads. It was agreed that the South deserved the next meeting as the last meeting in that section was at Chattanooga, in 1890, since which time Grand Chapters have met in St. Louis, Indianapolis and again at St. Louis. It was claimed by Inspector Kemp, that if we met in Atlanta the largest attendance in our history would be possible by reason of the fact that in Georgia reside three times as many Sigs. as are found in any other State.

It is desirable now to have an expression on this subject from the Chapters in their next letters which should be mailed March, 25.

THE article on Remedial Legislation, page 155, is so exceedingly important that we have had one hundred extra copies printed for distribution at or before the next Grand Chapter. All members and delegates should study the subject mentioned and be prepared in advance to express thoughtful and intelligent opinions upon the importanct questions mentioned. The whole field of work is fully covered by Bro. Sears and as he has cut out the work to be done, whether according to his ideas or not, no man in our knowledge is better able than he to outline the work to be done. Elsewhere in this department are some disconnected observations upon his splendid contribution. Read the latter and from your own conclusions.

SEVERAL Reporters failed to send in letters as per our urgent request, nevertheless the Delta has thirty letters in this number. However, had we not held up the issue partly on account of a desire to report the installation of the Northwestern University Chapter, there would have been several less communications than there are. This issue being the third number of Vol. 15, is not regularly due until March 15, although it was promised a month earlier, as we desired to issue one or more extra numbers. If reporters will respond promptly and not scatter their letters through a period of six to ten weeks, we can accomplish our purpose. Let them come forward now with their letters not later than MARCH 25, and we will be able to issue two more numbers before the volume closes.

The most notable event of the Georgia State Convention, fully reported on page 148, by Bro. Eugene L. Anderson, was the proposed founding of an Educational Fund. The Convention decided to have the president, secretary and treasurer send a circular letter to each alumnus in the state, asking him to vote for or against an individual tax of \$1.50 per annum for the proposed educational fund. These officers are to report to the next state convention the results from the circular, and if the sentiment among the alumni is strong enough in favor of the movement, the state organization will at once be chartered and a commission

appointed to take charge of and manage the fund according to such rules and regulations as the chapters

may prescribe.

Far be it from us to discourage any impulse or step which is fraught with possible good to Sigma Nu. But the energy required to push this impractical though commendable movement to the smallest degree of success, if expended in any of a dozen other practical schemes, would make every chapter we have in Georgia blossom as a rose! We do rejoice that there are brothers who would make of Sigma Nu such an aid to the youth of the South, but perhaps we, ourselves, need all this to keep us firmly on our feet without teaching others to crawl. We owe our first allegiance to our Fraternity. Until the chapters can truly say they are square with the Grand Treasury and are on a solid foundation, it is folly to attempt such a chimerical thing as creating a fund of the sort mentioned, however noble it may be and however enthusiastic some may become in its contemplation. It is a great thing to aid the needy, but it should be remembered that "Charity begins at Home!" "Be just before being generous!" How often do we see wealth and luxury looking with indifferent eyes upon many a noble heart floundering upon the seas of adversity, unwilling to tender what little assistance necessary to enable him to keep his head above the surface until he reaches that current in the stream of life which will carry him by his own efforts, calm and unruffled to the shores of eternity. But let the energy and wealth in Sigma Nu that is seeking employment help the five chapters in Georgia to take care of themselves.

#### REPORTERS!

Send in chapter letters by March 25.



# GRAND CHAPTER MEETING.

#### OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT No. 1

To the Members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity—Greeting:

- 1. The requirements of the Constitution being complied with, I hereby summon the members of the Fraternity to assemble in Atlanta, Ga., July 20th, 21st 22nd, 1898, for transaction of the business of the order.
- 2. The headquarters of the Fraternity will be at the Kimball House, where arrangements have been made for the entertainment of members at \$2.50 per day. The business sessions will be held in the hall of that hotel.
- 3. The low railroad rates of one cent a mile from anywhere in the South, in force at that time, will enable nearly all our members to be with us at this Convention, and all are urged to come. Business of importance demands careful and earnest thought and attention on the part of all members. Every alumnus and active brother is cordially invited to come.

ISAAC P. ROBINSON,

May 20, 1898.

Regent.

#### OFFICIAL ORDER No. I.

To the Several Chapters of Signa Nu-Greeting:

1. You will immediately elect your delegates to attend the Convention at Atlanta, Ga., and send their names and addresses by June 30th to Bro. C. E.

Woods, Grand Recorder. Attention is called to Section 2, Article V, of the LAW, requiring each Chapter to send delegates, as no proxies will be allowed. Alternates should also be elected, and their names and addresses reported at the same time as the delegates. Each Chapter should endeavor to send as many delegates as possible, but at least two. Note that the home addresses of delegates and alternates should be given, so that communication may be had with them, in case the Chapter has adjourned.

2. It is earnestly hoped that the Chapters will give carefel attention to these matters, so that when this Convention assembles everything will be in due form and its business may be carried on without interruption, or the omission of any duty on the part of the Chapters. The High Council do not feel it necessary to further impress the importance of attending this Convention, for the value received by the Chapters from the previous ones is sufficient argument of itself.

A large attendance is expected.

Faithfully yours in Sigma Nu,

I. P. Robinson,

May 20, 1898.

Regent.

#### THE GRAND CHAPTER OF '98.

RICHMOND, KY., May 20, 1898.

The Grand Chapter will meet in Atlanta, Ga., July 20-22. The place is central and the time well chosen. Rates will be satisfactory on account of the Reunion of the Confederate Veterans. Every year these conventions become more important, because every year finds our Charter list larger. We have never been able to have as large attendance as we expected and the importance of the questions for discussion demanded. Let this be an exception. Let every active Chapter, Alumni, State or Division Association be certain to be represented by two men, if

possible. And all come with some plan in view for the advancement of the Order.

CLARENCE E. Woods, Grand Recorder.

#### LOW RAILROAD RATES TO ATLANTA.

ATLANTA, GA., May 20, 1898.

To Delegates and Others:

Herewith is a list of roads comprised in the Southeastern Passenger Association, and which roads have agreed to the two cent per mile (once cent each way) round trip rate on account of Reunion of Con-This extremely low rate will affederate Veterans. fect points on all roads east of the Mississippi River and south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers. Delegates from all points beyond the limits above named can buy tickets from their leaving point to the nearest excursion point on any of the above roads, considerably reducing their traveling expenses. Kimball House, the most noted in the South, will furnish lodging and board at \$2.50 per day. Cheaper rates elsewhere. Tickets will probably be good from July 16 or 18 to 26 or 28, having a minimum limit of 10 or 12 days.

#### ROADS.

Atlantic Coast Line.
Atlanta, Knoxville & Northern R'y
A. & W. P. R. R. and Western R'y
of Alabama.
Central of Georgia Railway Co.
Florida Cen. & Peninsular R. R.
Florida East Coast Railway.
Georgia Southern & Florida R'y.
Louisville & Nashville R. R.

Mobile & Birmingham R. R.
Pennsylvania Railroad.
Plant System of Railways.
Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac R. R.
Southern Railway.
Tifton & Northeastern R. R.
Western & Atlantic R. R.

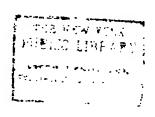
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406 Gould Building.

W. L. KEMP, Inspector Div. 6.

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### THE CHAPTERS IN CALIFORNIA—A REVIEW.

OME one has said, "In literary work, success is the criterion of merit," the theory being that every author should keep in mind the class of readers he aims to interest, and according as he secures, or fails to secure, their approval is his merit tested.

The same idea might aptly be applied to fraternities and fraternity chapters; when you find a fraternity or a chapter enjoying all the fruits of success, you may at once assume that its prosperity is due to no chance or whim, but rather to that essential element of every fraternal organization's success—energy correctly applied—energy born of enthusiasm, loyalty and harmony. Lacking these, no chapter can hope for aught else than failure; with them, a chapter will thrive and exert a never-ending influence upon the lives of those who are so fortunate as to be members of it.

The application of such a test to the chapters of Sigma Nu in California is truly gratifying to every son of the glorious black, white and gold colors. In what has really been but a brief space of time, two chapters

as strong as those of any fraternity in the Golden State have come into being and have developed a Sigma Nu spirit which seems destined to grow as long as the waters of the Pacific kiss the shores of the State.

Surely there must, have been something of merit in the men who "pioneered" these two chapters, and the secret is not difficult of ascertainment. Both chap ters were founded on broad lines, were comprised of men of foresight and energy, who were able to appreciate the many advantages of fraternity life, without losing sight of the dangers that must be avoided. Brother Clemans' wonderful efforts in this direction have been so thoroughly made known to the members of the fraternity that any additional reference thereto would seem utterly superfluous. But no reference to Sigma Nuism in California seems possible without some mention of "Pop" Clemans' work.

Beta Chi enjoyed certain advantages over Beta Psi, in that the former was started simultaneously with the various college organizations that came into existence immediately upon the opening of Stanford University. All these organizations started nearly on equal terms. save for such advantages which a fraternity as such enjoys over another, considered as a national organization. With a judgment that has left its indelible impress, Brother Clemans surrounded himself with an aggregation of broad-gauged, hustling, representative college men, and from the very start Beta Chi took the lead in college affairs at Stanford, and has never entirely lost its control. There are to-day upon its rolls the recognized "strong men" of the institution and every Sig in the State hopes and believes that Beta Chi ever will keep its proud position at the Palo Alto seat of learning. With such men as Keesling, Egan, and the rest carrying on the work of Clemans, Smith, Brown, Crothers, and the other loyal brothers whose work is familiar to all Sigs there need be no fear as to the

future. They will see to it that others are selected who are worthy and qualified to carry out Sigma Nu's destiny in California.

Beta Psi did not start out under such favorable auspices. It was in the middle of the college year that the five pointed badge first appeared on the Berkeley campus. It had been several years since a new frat had asserted itself at the University of California, and some efforts made in that direction by others had not succeeded. But it was only further evidence of Clem's good judgment; he believed that opportunities were favorable for the establishment of Sigma Nu in Berkeley, and he "hustled" it alone, largely "aided and abetted" by genial, popular, warm hearted Max Rosenfeld.

My familiarity with the history of Beta Psi permits of referring in greater detail to her doings than to those of Beta Chi, but practically the same reasons for success apply in both cases. Both chapters started out with representative men, men typifying every phase of college activity—the Dig, the athlete, the society man, the man of affairs, all were represented and naturally made the influence of the fraternity felt in the entire college world. The result was but natural. Success, in the full sense of that word, crowned their efforts. Enthusisam in college work never died out, and ambition to make Sigma Nu the fraternity of college was strong. As each of the great Universities grew in importance and influence, so did each of Sigma Nu's chapters at these Universities grow.

The exact reason for success is not difficult of analysis. Each representative man sought outanother such a one in college and brought him to the frat's attention. When a member advocated the pledging of a barb we knew that there was someshing of merit in him, that some element in him had appealed to the brother and individual investigation generally proved

this to be so. The result was, that we never failed for representative men in the various fields of college activity. When dignified, scholarly Georne Boge left college halls, we were not forced to admit that our only intellectual giant had departed, for there was left to us a Harry Hirst of whom we might well be proud. When Phil. Tompkins took away from the chapter house his ever-present and contagious Sigma Nu "enthusiasm," there still remained lovable little Edwin Hammer to make us realize that "Sigma Nu is about the only thing on earth." When Chester Woolsey left the cinder track upon which he had achieved so much glory, to take up the study of medicine, there came Howard Squires and John McNab to win other medals on the athletic field. When Fritz Denicke departed for the learning beyond the Rockies, it was Ernst of the same family who brought his "merry jests" to the frat house. When versatile Maurice Samuels deserted Berkeley to struggle with Blackstone and Court, he left behind him in Sigma Nu Hall numerous well trained disciples in the art of "heart breaking." When Brother Curtis left the laboratories of Berkeley to enter the practical field of chemistry, there was one of Sigma Nu's brightest stars to take charge of the house management-Brother Feusier. Of "Clare's" great work for Sigma Nu too much can not be said. His modesty has prevented the fraternity at large from becoming acquainted with the splendid work he has done. He brought to the management of the house a practical experience gained in the affairs of life that was invaluable to Beta Psi and as Eminent Commander he exerted an influence which contributed powerfully to the success of the chapter. No Sig in the State is more popular than Clarence, and deservedly so. Brother Dickie succeeded to the positions held by Clare and it is no little compliment to him to say that he has been a worthy successor. The work of improvements started before

him has been successfully carried out by Walter and many new plans inaugurated. A visit to the chapter house would be the best evidence of the success of his administration, and succeeding house manager will do well to equal his record.

This is but a brief summary of the continuing representativeness of Sigma Nu in California. The old prestige is being retained and new honors such as the management of the Glee Club, which has been placed in Hugh Webster's able hands, have come to the fraternity. The alumni keep in touch with the chapters and see to it that the boys are properly encouraged. That Sigma Nu is a success in California results clearly show. Its prospects are bright; its hopes are high. Onward and upward! The Stars and Stripes, and the Black, White and Gold!

E. Myron Wolf, California '94.

# MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF DIVISION EIGHT OF THE SIGMA NU FRATERNITY.

San Francisco, Cal., March 5, 1898.

The convention was called to order by Division Inspector Bro. Frank Keesling, at 10:30 a.m. Bro. W. M. Dickie appointed as temporary secretary. The roll was signed by all members present which showed an attendance of sixty.

A discussion was opened as to the advisability of forming a permanent organization. Bro. E. M. Wolf moved that we form a permanent organization. Seconded by Bro. L. Smith. Carried. Bro. Smith moved a committee of five be appointed on organization by the Chair. Carried. Moved, seconded and carried that the Chair be one of the committee. Chair appointed committee as follows: Brothers F. Keesling, L. Smith, R. Simms and W. M. Dickie.

Moved, seconded and carried, that a committee on introduction be appointed. Chair appointed Brothers E. M. Wolf, L. Smith, W. M. Dickie and H. R. Plate.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn until 2 p. m. Carried.

Afternoon session was called at 2:30 p. m. by Division Inspector F. V. Keesling.

The committee submitted the following constitution, which was read and adopted.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EIGHTH DIVISION.

The Eighth Division Association of the Sigma Nu Fraternity assembled for the purpose of promoting the general welfare of the Fraternity, ordains as follows:

- 1. The purpose of this association to be:
  - (a) To provide for an annual meeting of all the members of Sigma Nu within the 8th division.
- 2. The officers of this association shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer.
- 3. (a) The President shall preside at the meetings of this association, and also at the meetings of the executive committee.
  - (b) The Secretary shall keep a register of membership, a record of the proceeding of this association, and of the executive committee, and shall act as secretary of the executive committee.
  - (c) The Treasurer shall collect all dues, and make all disbursements, subject to the order of the executive committee.
- 4. There shall be an executive committee composed of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
- 5. The Executive Committee shall provide for the holding of the annual meeting, and give due notice thereof to all the members of this association.
- 6. The annual meeting of this association shall be held on the second Saturday in March of each year.
- 7. Every member of Sigma Nu, within the eighth di-

vision, shall be deemed a member of this association.

8. This Constitution can be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote.

Nominations of officers being next in order, Bro. Keesling was nominated for President, Bro. Dickie for Secretary, and Bro. Curtis for Treasurer. Moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot. Secretary announced a unanimous vote, and Chair declared nominees duly elected.

Moved, seconded and carried, that a Press Committee of three be appointed by the President. President appointed Bro. J. Partridge, with the power to appoint the remainder of the committee.

Bro. Egan proposed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has been pointed out to us, when rushing men, that we are lamentably weak in the Eastern Colleges, and,

WHEREAS, Many men enter the Universities on this coast intend taking advanced work at Eastern Colleges, and,

WHEREAS, Our position and standing would be greatly strengthened if we had more Chapters in the East, and,

WHEREAS, We know from experience that if Chapters are once established there, they will surely succeed, therefore be it

Resolved, That we advocate through the Grand Council, a further extension of Sigma Nu in Bowdoin, Williams, Amherst, Dartmouth, Brown, Cornell, Columbia, Syracuse, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, and University of Minnesota.

Moved, seconded and carried that the resolution be adopted and forwarded to the High Council.

Moved, seconded and carried, that a committee of three be appointed, to recommend to the High Council, that they take steps toward the immediate estab-

lishment of a chapter in the University of the United States, provided said University be established. The President appointed Bro. M. Samuels, with power to appoint the remaindor of the committee.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the Secretary be instructed to send congratulations to our newly established chapters in the North Western University and at the University of Vermont.

The following resolution was read by Bro. Rodgers, WHEREAS, The Charters furnished the Chapters of our Fraternity by the Grand Council are printed on inferior paper and are destitute of artistic embellishments, therefore be it.

Resolved, That this convention hereby petition the High Council to secure a new design for said Charters. That the material used therefore, be genuine parchment, and that the lettering, embellishments and ornamentations, inscribed thereon, be of the highest artistic finish. [New charters have been provided without cost to chapters.—Ed. Delta.] Be it further

Resolved, That the Grand Council be requested to furnish all existing Chapters, and all Chapters hereafter instituted with said improved Charter, upon the payment of such fee, as the Grand Council may adopt.

Moved, seconded and carried, that a copy of said resolutions be sent to the High Council.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the following resolution be sent to the High Council.

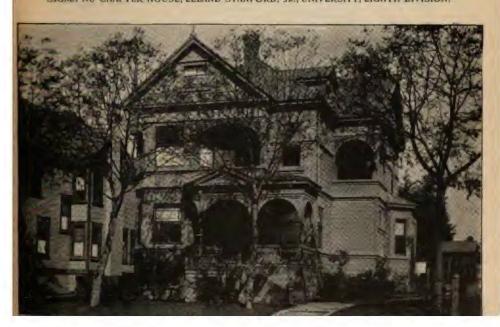
WHEREAS, It is the rule of the Fraternity to publish the official catalogue at a period of every five years and,

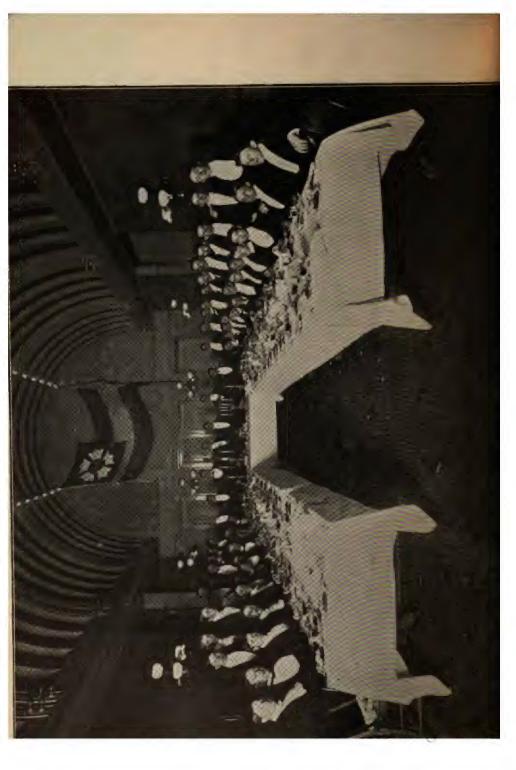
WHEREAS, It is the custom of various other College Fraternities to publish their catalogues at shorter intervals, which custom enables them to show the character of their fraternity to better advantage, and,

WHEREAS, A publication of our catalogue every two years is a feasible, and practicable plan, therefore



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be it.

Resolved, That it be the sense of this convention that the Sigma Nu Fraternity publish a catalogue, at least every two years.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the issuing of a catalogue of division eight be referred to the executive committee.

Moved, seconded and carried, that a vote of thanks be extended to the convention committee.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the executive committee be empowered to provide ways and means, by which we may be represented at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter at Atlanta, July 20, 21, 22, '98.

The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to the following addresses on Sigma Nu on the Pacific Coast:

Meeting adjourned.

WALTER M. DICKIE, Sec'y.

# BANQUET IN SAN FRANCISCO—EIGHTH DIVISION CONVENTION.

The formal report of how the Sigs of the Pacific Coast met and transacted their business is to be found elsewhere, written by the Secretary, Brother Walter Dickie, of Beta Psi. The success of the organization of the Eighth Division, the large attendance, and the enthusiastic resolve to make the association permanent and its meetings annual hereafter, were factors paving the way to the glorification of the evening.

We had the conservatory of the Palace Hotel. In

all the world, the golden spot is the Pacific shore. The queen city on that shore is San Francisco. In San Francisco, the Palace Hotel is the largest. Within the Palace Hotel, the fairest spot is the conservatory. And upon the night in question the conservatory had the flower of Sigma Nu. By a simple, though logical process, therefore, almost mathematical in its certainty, Sigma Nu is the "greatest thing in the world."

We felt the part.

Whether we looked the part, our brothers must judge from the flash-light photo. We are too modest to say, ourselves. Modesty, that golden fruit whose flower is bashfulness, is the quality upon which we most do plume ourselves.

You may have heard, perhaps, that "the paint keeps getting redder, the further out west you go." Glow of the setting sun beyond the Golden Gate, cardinal of Richelieu's gown, bloom on the nose of a stage Fallstaff, are so quiet and subdued by the side of the color aforesaid by the time it touches the Pacific, that none of those lines would be noticed in the general effect. The pigments were gorgeous that night.

Brother Frank V. Keesling, the Inspector of this Division, and the first President of the new organization, presided. Next to him sat Brother W. H. Crothers, the President of the Pacific Coast Alumni Association, and Brother E. Myron Wolf, who acted as toastmaster. Others, alumni and active members, there were, to the number of something over a hundred, as we counted them when the oysters came on. At the coffee, multiply by two. Simply a question of arithmetic.

Some one has said that about the Chesapeake Bay you can get the best things to eat in the world. Sigma Nu, as the Pacific Coast knows her, challenges the assertion. They gave us oysters that the ooze of San Francisco Bay has fed to a certain fatness, not that excessive obesity that characterizes the rock oyster,

but a juiciness, a tenderness, rather a plumpness than a fatness, whereof the tegument is the most etherial, and the flavor not of this earth. They do raise a terrapin out here, also; and canvas backs—they fly in from the sea somewhere, and submit themselves to be killed for such as Sigma Nu, finding sepulchre such as in no fowl really ought to hope for. We have fruits out here too, and wines which ripen in the smile of God. Gastronomically, we had but one regret—that all of Sigma Nu, north, south, east and west, was not with us to help consume the fulness of the earth.

But Sigma Nu of the Pacific Coast would not be understood as unduly valuing the cook. There was a feast of reason and the rest of it. Brother Wolf, Beta Psi, as I have said, acted as toastmaster. He has a pleasant voice of great carrying quality, as well as a pretty wit and no mean quality of eloquence, so his introductions were happy, and he could be heard.

He introduced as the first speaker Brother Keesling, Beta Chi, who spoke on the High Council and the Grand Chapter. His remarks were dignified, as was to be expected from the Inspector of the Division, but by no means heavy, and he sat down amidst a burst of well-deserved applause.

The next speaker was Brother R. M. Sims, Delta, of the University of South Carolina, who responded to the toast "The Southern Sigs." When he told us about the South being the home of the fraternity, the whole body rose to its feet, and gave a cheer that rattled the glass in the conservatory.

The Matrimonial Brigade came next in order. Brothers Geo. H. Boke, Beta Psi. Marvin Curtis, Beta Psi, Bradford Webster, Beta Psi, Max Rosenfeld, Beta Chi, Robert Loeser, Beta Chi, C. H. Jordan, Beta Chi, are those of us who have gone and done it, and Fritz Denicke, Beta Psi—he's about to.

Of these who have gone over to the silent

majority—they deny the silent part—Brother Boke responded to the toast. "Sigma Nu as a Papa (Double Barreled")—he has two of them. He spoke as follows:

"I have multiplied exceedingly for the good of Sigma Nu. (Applause). It's true one of them is a girl, but that's not my fault—and you ought to see her. A most remarkable child. From her earliest infancy she could lie there in her cradle and breathe and breathe. (Applause.) And she can still breathe. (More applause.) In fact, she's getting so expert at it she can do it in her sleep. (Tumultuous applause.)

There was considerable more of Brother Boke's speech, but lack of space forbids further extracts. He gave way to Brother Curtis, who spoke on "Sigma Nu as a Papa (Single Shot")—he has but one. He aroused great enthusiasm by reminding us that he had named his little girl "Sigma," but he hoped to have a boy some day who could go to college and be one in reality.

Brother Webster spoke on "married and not yet a papa," from Beta Psi, and Brother Rosenfeld from Beta Chi. Upon motion, they were granted further time, to report at the next annual meeting.

Brother Jordan told us how it was to be just married, and Brother Loeser how it felt to be married and still be an active member. They both seemed to bear up as well as could be expected. Then Brother Denicke, without denying the charge, talked for a while about "going to be married," and gave his word and honor that next year he shall have a fuller knowledge, and be a regular initiate in the "Matrimonial Brigade."

Brother Crothers responded to the toast "Sigma Nu Doctors," and then a trio composed of Brothers Rogers, Webster, and Donnell sang several selections.

Brother Lewis Smith, Beta Chi, City Attorney of Fresno, Cal., responded to "Sigma Nu Lawyers." He sprung a lot of Latin on us, and we were open-mouthed in our admiration of the ease with which he did it. But the next speaker, Brother Emory Donahoo, who spoke on "Sigma Nu in Mercantile Life," pricked the bubbled of Brother Smith's erudition. He declared that he was up at Fresno the week before, and found the typewriter hunting up and copying Latin quotations out of the back of the Dictionary.

Then we drank a toast standing and in silence to "Our Departed Brother," after which we had more music, and next gave the undergraduates a show.

Brother W. J. Whitmier spoke for Beta Chi. He told us how Sigma Nu is easily first of all the faternities in Stanford, the University that is so young but already so great. How the men are full of vim and go, the faternity house on a perfect basis, both socially and financially, and a general spirit of go-ahead and getthere such as no other organization can ever approach.

Brother B. H. Donnell responded for Beta Psi. He aroused much enthusiasm by announcing that there are now twenty-two active members in the chapter, although there are some fifteen faternities in the University of California. For the qualty of those members he pointed to his right and to his left.

Brother F. W. N. Taylor spoke for the Northwestern Sigs. They have a fine chapter in the University of Washington, full of the spirit of that pushing young community, and from what Brother Taylor said we can confidently expect great things of them.

Brother E. C. Hammer responded to the toast "Enthusiasm." He said he was full of it, and the "Open Sesame" that opened the taps and made him bubble over was Sigma Nu." He said that he hoped that when he died, he would go to some place where he could be by himself for a couple of eons, and give the Sigma Nu yell as much and as loud as he wanted to. It was unaminously decided that such a good Sig never would die, but if any accident should carry him off a

couple of hundred years hence, all he would have to do would be to show his pin to St. Peter.

Brother John F. Sheehan Jr. then talked about Athletics. When he spoke of Harrelson and Clemans and Woolsey, and others of the strong fleet and plucky of Sigma Nu, enthusiasm was at its highest pitch. So that it was with difficulty we were calmed sufficiently to listen to Brother M. S. Samuels speak to the "Ladies." It was worth the effort, however. It is always worth while to listen to a man who knows his subject, and is enthusiastic about it at the same time.

Brothers Harrelson, Rodgers, Edwards, and Edmunds also made short talks, and we adjourned somewhere between twelve o'clock and morning—the exact hour doesn't matter.

John S. Partridge, Beta Psi, '92.

# THE YEAR WITH GAMMA CHI—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

In the last issue of the Delta, the often promised and long delayed article on the University of Washington appeared in all its glory. However, the article is sligetly behind the times as several changes have taken place since Bro. Calhoun pigeonholed the article.

The University of Washington, like quite a number of the Western State Colleges, has as yet no friends of its own; although the University owns a great amount of land in the state, which has not been appraised and consequently is of unknown value. The University is dependent upon the munificence of the state government for funds with which to carry on the college, and consequently politics have quite a little to do with its management.

When this state went for free silver in the last

general election, the parties who had governed the University were ousted by the new governor and a board of regents were appointed by the governor who was in sympathy with the fusion party. The fusion party was pledged to cut down expenses, and cut down expenses it did. When the legislature met in January '97, the appropriation for the University's maintenance was cut to \$70,000 for the two years. After this basis the new board of regents scaled down the salaries about 15 per cent. and fixed the salary of the president at \$3,000 per annum. Dr. Harrington, who as president had enjoyed the salary of \$5,000 per annum for two years, decided that his services were undervalued, and resigned his position and started on a tour of the world. The board of Regents elected Dr. Edwards, Professor of Physics, to be temporary Chairman of the faculty and acting President. Under Dr. Edwards the college year of '96 was completed. During the early summer of '97 the regents made some great changes in the faculty. Some of these changes were not approved of by the students as a whole, but as was afterwards learned the changes were made upon the recommendation of Dr. Edwards, whom the regents had elected to be the permanent President.

As you all know, great excitement over the discovery of gold in Klondike prevailed all over the Union during the summer and when the college year of '97-98 began, the students returning to college missed many familiar faces, and the topic creating general interest was Alaska and the Klondike.

Troubles between members of the faculty soon began to attract the attention of the students and the state press. Affairs reached a crisis when in the month of October the Board of Regents in special session dismissed the president and by this action, indicated to the faculty that unless the trouble was ended that there would be more dismissals. The board named Prof.

Reeves. Modern Languages, to be Acting President. From that time until now this gentleman has guided the University in a cautious, dignified manner.

The University is unfortunate in being situated near the city of Seattle; because, although Seattle is the metropolis of the State, yet in times past the political history of Seattle has, to say the least, been crooked, and the other parts of the state, that have at sometime or another suffered at the hands of Seattle politicians, look with distrust upon anything in Seattle. Hence, the University of Washington, instead of being regarded as such, is regarded as the University of Seattle, and this is not good for the college.

The college organizations are: Student Assembly, composed of all students to whom are submitted questions of student government; the "Pacific Wave," is the name of the college paper which is published by the students; the college has men and women's christian associations; men and women's athlectic associations, an oratorical association that is also a member of the Washington Oratorical Association; and various other small student organizations, such as literary societies, dancing clubs, boat clubs, and societies composed of students in the different languages.

The institution is co-educational; tuition is free, and the studies are elective, except that the male students are compelled to drill under an army officer for the first two years of University residence and the lady students are compelled to take physical training for a similar period. Although this is all that the state requires in return for a college education, yet the majority of students are unwilling to do this much, and every possible excuse is made use of in order to get out of these duties.

The Library at present contains in the neighborhood of 8,000 volumes and about 2,500 pamphlets, but it is being increased very greatly this year, both



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through purchase and by private donation. The contents are for the most part technical, or relating to the various departments, but the general references and works of standard writers are given by private parties.

Athletics have in time past been of general interest to all students; but just now athletics are under going a period of depression so to speak. This condition of affairs is caused by two things; first, the general rotten condition of amateurathletics as interpreted by the neighboring athletics clubs; and second, by the general laziness and lukewarm interest of our Physical Instructor. However it is hoped by all students that both these causes will be remedied by the next year.

The '97 foot-ball team captained by Bro. Lindsey played only three games, losing two and winning one. The game we won was against the Seattle Y. M. C. A. team, which although travelling under the national association name was not altogether free from professionalism. The first game we lost was to the Seattle Athletic Club. This club team was afterwards thrown out of the amateur ranks by Amateur Athletic Union for professionalism. The other game was lost to the team of the Oregon Agricultural College. This was the only college team we met upon the gridiron this last year.

The Alaska business in this state has put a stop to indoor meets because business now requires the undivided attention of men who formerly competed for the athletic clubs, and as there is no college here willing to undertake the management of a meet, the season was passed wit nout a single one. Track athletics at the University are attracting but little attention on account of the uncertainty of any open contests. At the present time the outlook for outdoor meets is not very bright.

By the time this issue of the Delta will have been sent to the colleges the University of Washington will have closed the year of '97, so that to say any more about the hopes and fears of the present year would be out of place.

There have been two persons in the northwest who have been and still are just friends to Gamma Chi: they are Carl Lane Clemans and Prof. Edmonds Stephens Meany.

Bro. Clemans, whom we know familiarly as "Pop' Clemans, has been a very frequent visitor at the University. Every time he comes to Seattle he comes out and talks over things with us. I know that very many times when Bro. Clemans could but ill afford the time he has been with the chapter at its initiations. Bro. Clemans spent as much time as he could afford in coaching the foot-ball team by which he has made many warm and admiring friends among the students. Bro. Clemans can be called a member of Gamma Chi chapter as well as any of us, for he has been as active in its affairs as any of us. The desire of the members of the chapter here is that we may each be such a Sigma Nu as Clemans is.

Prof. Meany, to say the least, is one of the boys. Ever since the formation of the chapter here, he has done everything and anything in his power to help us along, and altogether a professor in the college he can have as good a time as a student. Meany has often told us that he regarded it as a misfortune that in his college days at the University there were no fraternities, and has very often said that although Gamma Chi has not made herself prominent in college affairs, yet there was an air of fellowship, strong and binding between the members of the chapter—something that he could not account for.

The roll of the chapter members is nine—or rather will number nine active by the 14th of May, for on that day the annual initiation and banquet will take place. Those on the roll are: John James Lindsay, John Barret McManus, Harry Cosby Coffman, James Garfield McGlinn, Charles Arthur Fowler, Jacob Louis Gott-

stein, Lucius Otto Veser, Walter Ferguson Marrison, and the writer. The praises of the members have all been sung before, but as this is a sort of special article it will not be unpardonable to repeat, at least it will help fill up space, or as Joe Cawthore says, when he comes out on the stage that he's going to talk while the rest of the people are changing their clothes.

Bro. Jack Lindsay has been captain of the Varsity foot-ball team for the past two seasons, and for the present year he is Business Manager of the "Pacific Wave." Jack is a prominent member of the track team.

Bro. John McManus is captain of the track team this year. Bro. McManus has not been able to attend the University very regularly this year on account of his mining properties, which require a great deal of attention.

Bro. Coffman is a Junior. He is serving his second year as manager of the athletic association, and from present indications he will be elected for the year '98-99. Bro. McGlinn is president of the Freshman class. He entered college as a Sub-freshman at the beginning of the year '96-7.

Bro. Fowler is a member of the the Junior class. Bro. Fowler is working for a B. S. degree with distinction, which accounts for his not engaging in athletics. Bro. Gottstein is also a member of the class of '99, and moreover he is a hearty good fellow. not athletically inclined himself, but he does everthing he can to help athletics along.

Bro. Veser is a '99 man, and one of the best athletics in the northwest. He is the Washington crack-a-jack 220 yd. man, and is especially good in the 100 yd. contest. Bro. Morrison is the University half and mile runner. He has been in athletics but two years, but even now these are very few in this section who can give him any distance. Bro. Morrison is President of

the Sophomore class. Your scribs ie not good for much of anything. He lives to play foot-ball in season, but probably he could play it better out of season, as he only got to be sub full back last season. He is also editor of the college paper; but he doesn't want the job any more.

We are very sorry that we could not have a picture of the chapter in the Delta, but we could not prevail on Bro. Clemans to get "shot" with us, so we will be compelled to forego the pleasure of seeing our chapter in the Delta until next year, when we can get "Clem" in it too.

As I have said before, the annual banquet to northwest Sigma Nus will take place on May 14. We are assured of a good time, and I promise to send you a good write up of the event.

GUY H. ROBERTSON, '99.

#### THE NORTHWEST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Northwest Alumni Association, or'as it may be called, the Northwest Sigma Nu Association, met in the summer of 1894 at Aleck Hosmer's (Stanford. '96) in Tacoma, Washington. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution. The committee decided upon a name and two or three officers. John McDaniels (Stanford, 95) moved that the constitution of this Association, like that of England, be permitted to grow.

It has grown and now the constitution seems to be that the Sigma Nu's of Washington are to meet annually for council with the Gamma Chi Chapter, that this meeting is to take place near commencement each year, that at its meetings, all candidates presented by Gamma Chi are to be initiated into the Fraternity.

At the second meeting of the Association Gamma Chi was organized. At the banquet following, Bro. Calhoun (Stanford, 95) said "Sigma Nu is destined to conquer Washington as it has overcome and encompassed California." Bro. Richardson (Georgia, '84) thought that "the Association of Graduates who had learned to honor Sigma Nu in various seats of learning, with the undergraduates of the great State institution of Washington, could not fail to be an inspiration and instruction to all."

Bro. Pentecost (Drake'92) felt that "the college days are too soon done and one day in each year can be well spent in renewing college glories and Fraternity memories." Bro. Ferrandini (Washington and Lee'88) thought that "the best of college life was college friends, and the best of college friends were Sigma Nu's." Bros. McDaniels (Stanford's '95) paid a glowing tribute to the "Ladiess" and pledged Sigma Nu to "love, honor, adore, and protect heaven's best gift to man."

Bro. Gorham (Cornell '92) believed that "fraternities should find their friends in the hearts of their members and not in University politics." Bros. Ostrom (Washington '96) said that his chapter life would, "indeed, be short as his initiation would be his graduation." But he would "strive to learn the lessons of Sigma Nu as an alumnus member and from the brethren of California where he expected to take a medical course."

The undergraduate initiates pledged themselves "to cherish and honor the Fraternity, to make its name synonymous with fair dealing and gentlemanly conduct in the University, and to build up a strong fraternity spirit of friendship, without segregating the Brothers from the University at large or their friendships outside the chapter," all of which we think they have faithfully done.

Each year, the number of Alumni holding allegiance to Sigma Nu's banner and claiming the Evergreen State as a home, grows larger. And with each year we expect the meetings of the Alumni of the Northwest, with the only active chapter therein, to be of greater interest and attraction.

CARL LANE CLEMANS, Chi 88,' Beta Chi '91.

### A STAR OF THE WEST.

When the roll of Sigma Nu's Chapters was confined wholly to a few of the Southern States, it was possible for the small membership to become almost intimately acquainted with each initiate, but the past quarter century has so augmented this roll that today it is not possible to become familiar with even the name of each new member. The few years of college life soon pass away. The struggles and triumphs of the many different members during their college days are known hardly beyond the confines of their respective chapters.

Sigma Nu is yearly sending forth men to carve for themselves, and among these there are some whose ability will make itself felt far beyond its immediate surroundings. It is by no means possible to correctly prophesy the future of an individual from the record of his college life, but success is so deeply branded on the career of some individuals, that to recognize this success needs only the instinct of natural sense, and to picture its future, nothing more than common reason.

It has been my good fortune to have met with several such men during my career with Beta Psi. That Beta Psi is a "producer" will be acknowledged beyond the region of doubt, before the approaching century has registered its first decade. But it is my intention to confine myself to one, a man of whom Beta Psi is justly proud and whom she desires again to introduce to the members of Sigma Nu, in order that, in later days, when his clear brain force brings him to the attention of many, he may be recognized as one whom

Sigma Nu had fostered during his college days. When ability and energy and tact, go hand in hand with force and determination, there can be little doubt of the brilliant future of their possessor. It is not without good reason then that Beta Psi looks forward with confidence to the future of Harry H. Hirst.

Brother Hirst entered the University of California in 1892, graduating from the course of Engineering (Civil and Mining) with the highest honors ever received in any of the courses in mechanics. To say that Hirst graduated from the course in Engineering medalist of the class of '95, is in itself sufficient to designate his superior intellectual gifts, for the difficulties met with in the course of Engineering are such that the medal has never before fallen to anyone from that department!

Hirst was not only a leader in the work of his classes, but also among his classmates. His individuality and brain power asserted themselves in every branch of college affairs in which he engaged. As an underclassman, he was at one time president of his class, assistant business manager of the "Occident," and assistant Editor of "Berkleyan." Choosing only sufficient athletics for recreation, he played upon the class football team and was Captian of the University Ice Polo Team.

Continuing with the "Berkleyan." Hirst was elected, at the beginning of his Junior year, Associate Editor, and a little later Manager Editor of the paper. He established the first College daily in the University of California, and was at first Sec'y., then President of the Berkleyan Publishing Co. He was floor manager of the Junior Hop, the principal social event of the four college years in California. At the beginning of Hirst's senior year, he was Elected Editor in Chief of the "Berkleyan," which honor he retained until graduating. During the same year he was elected President

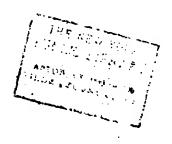
of the athletic Association of the University. He was appointed fellow in Civil Engineering by the faculty during the senior year and upon graduating was appointed instuctor in the same course. It is very seldom that we meet with an individual of his stamp. One who is first in scholarship rarely has sufficient time to devote to outside affairs during his college days, but with Hirst it was different. He seemed to find time to devote to almost every thing of importance connected with the University and everything that engaged his attention also engaged his whole soul, and he was the leader and brains of all!

## NEW YORK ALUMNI BANQUET AND INSTALLATION OF VERMONT CHAPTER.

March 5, 1898 will be a memorable date in the history of fraternities in the east. Two parties conspired to make this date memorable. One was the candidates from the University of Vermont who presented themselves for initiation into the beautiful and sacred mysteries of Sigma Nu, the other that lately organized yet widely-known body, the New York Alumni Association of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. Ye gods! how my pulsations quicken at the thought of the pleasures experienced on that night! and what a pity that the "Spectaled sage of Sigma Nu" was not present to recount the events of that night in his felicitious way! But in his absence, let it suffice that readers of the Delta be informed of what was done, though it be in a crude manner. Assuming, therefore, as I must, that others have told the story of our "Vermont Baby's Rirth," I shall confine myself to a short description of the annual Dinner of the N. Y. Alumni Association, and the very pleasant incident in connection therewith, the initiation of two royal, good fellows into our cherished brotherhood.



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By an admirable arrangement, due to the excellent judgement of the executive committee, a suite of rooms (including a handsome dining room) was engaged at Hotel Logerot, 128, fifth Avenue.

About 80'clock the attention of the guests was directed to the unusually large number of well-dressed, intelligent looking and handsome (an occasional exception to vary the monotony) young men, who strangely enough seemed all to be wearing the same kind of an exquisitely jeweled, five armed badge and, seemingly, being shown to the same apartments in the hotel. Suffice it to say that these were the New York Sigs and their visiting brothers. Immediately upon their arrival they were shown to the beautiful "Blue Room" of this famous hotel where the initiatory service was to take place.

Promptly at half-past eight Dr. John Herndon French, Alpha '79, called the fraternal assemblage to order and in a few minutes we were in the midst of one of the most beautiful ceremonies it has been my pleasure to witness. In due time the services were concluded and then for the first time, to at least three thousand souls, it was Messrs. W. C. Perry and D. C. Wedgeworth no more; for we were brothers, all.

It was a rare treat for the Alumni in New York to see such active work being transacted in their very presence: it would have been a rare treat for any one who is a lover of the beatiful. Pardon me, therefore, my dear reader, if I, even at the risk of a digression, design to express an opinion here; for I am now convinced that, if other Alumni Associations were given occasional opportunities to enter into active work there would soon be a noticeable depreciation in the amount of frigidity so often evident in such organizations. All hail the idea of calling into service the old veterans! These are no times for "reserve forces" in our fraternity. work. "Action" is the hero whom

we, as a nation, worship and honor. Why should not we, as a fraternity, do the same, and call the Alumni into service? I shall not believe there is one who would not fall in line. Sound the bugle call and see! But I must resume:

There was pleasure still in store; for no sooner had the echo of those beautiful services died away, than a servant announced that all was ready in another room. No time was lost in finding our way to that other room which, happily enough, proved to be the dining-room. There arranged in the shape of a cross were the banquet tables filled with good things. Imagine our joy when we found that "the half had never been told." Every man seated himself at the place that bore his name, and in a few moments took on a look of supreme satisfaction, occasioned partially no doubt by the presence of a card, tied with Sig colors and bearing such pleasing combinations as these:

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Olives

Celeri

Potage.
Petite marmite.
Poisson
Redsnapper a la castillanne.
Entree.
Filet de boeuf piqui Pompadour.
Choux de Brnxelles.
Legume.
Spaghetti a la' Italienne.
Roti.

Salade.

Glaces fantaisie.

Canord a tate rouge,

Dessert

Petits fouss

Camembert. Fruits Cofe' Gloriosa.

I said in the beginning that this would be a memorable night to those who happened to be present. Well might it be! There were gathered around that banquet board men from every section of this great landof ours. They were men of many minds, united in a single cause. Doctors, lawyers, ministers students in every-day life, but Sigma Nus as well. It was a jolly crowd, too, as well as a diverse and entertaining one-

But it was not till ten minutes of eleven o'clock when Past Regent Daniel W. Longton arose to propose the firt toast of the evening, that the real fun began. Then it was that those who were fortunate enough to be present, saw "of what stuff Sigs are made." One moment we felt ourselves being carried far beyond the plane of ordinary beings by the superb rhetoric of the speakers, fairly wondering at their command of language and depth of thought; while the very next we were wandering through the cotton fields of Georgia or sympathizing with some one who happened to be troubled with the "maclears."

Thus it was that an entire evening was spent in "living life over again" and making new history as well. Too soon did the time arrive when we were compelled to part; and just as the first chanticleer announced the approach of the sabbath day twenty happy souls bade one another an affectionate farewell, glad indeed, that fortune had so favored them. I append hereto the list of names and among them that of the writer: D. C. Wedgeworth Beta Sigma '99. W. C. Perry '98. Daniel W. Langton Theta '82. Edward G. Pringle Rho '97. Walter S. Brim Jr. Psi '96. E. P. Jump Pi '01. A. D. Morris Pi '95. Chas. B. Jacobs Pi '95. Malcolm MacLear B. A. '91. Lewis T. Knox B '91. Hamilton M. Dawes Rho '95. John Herndon French A '76. Dallas Flannagan A '87. G. H. Chasmar Pi '97. J. T. Callaghan Jr. Pi '95. R. M. Clark Pi '01. R. A. Vance B. G. '93. C. F. Parker Theta, '82. E. B. Soper, Jr., Chi '96, E. H. Soper, Chi '96.

## NOTES.

Bro. J. T. Callaghan, Jr., Inspector of Div. V. sends these notes of the event.

"An interesting feature of the banquet was the "experience meeting," which Toastmaster Langton set in motion by recounting some of the triumphs and troubles of his beloved chapter, Theta, at the University of Alabama. Bros. French and Flaunagan gave us bits of history of the parent chapter and how the "black feet" were subdued, Bros. MacLear and Knox explained the decline and fall of Beta Alpha at Yale. Bro. Brem spoke of the good work being done at Psi.

Bro. Dawes gave a glowing account of Rho's progress. Other brothers added to the interest of the meeting by recounting the deeds of valor done in the name of Sigma Nu.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

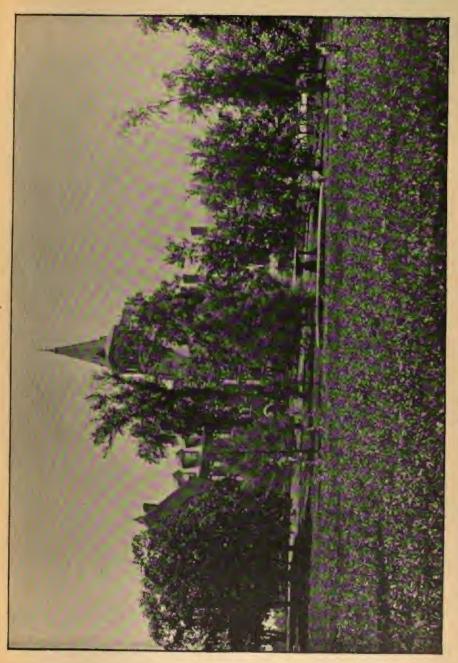
The charter members of the new chapter, Beta Sigma, at University of Vermont, at Burlington, are: W. C. Perry, D. C. Wedgeworth, D. H. Udall, L. W. English, E. N. Lovewell, D. W. Holton, J. T. Seaver, L. E. Daniels, L. W. Barton, C. E. Canfield, C. M. Sturgess, L. P. StCyr, C. F. Clark, J. H. Brackett, W. B. Williams, J. M. Downer, J. H. Aiken, W. E. Aiken. W. C. Sawyer, Jno. E. Seavers, C. A. Dodge, Jas. Tyndall, A. S. Bean, C. B. Griswold.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT—THE HOME OF OUR LATEST, BETA SIGMA.

Perhaps the most significant fact in the history of the University of Vermont, one which, most of all, endears it to the heart of every loyal son and daughter, is the manner of its founding. We look back across the century with affection and reverence as we behold our forefathers, in the very midst of the war for independence, with victory uncertain, still planning, with an unfaltering faith, the educational interests of their common country.

Before what is now the state of Uermont had ever gained the honor of statehood, when under the colonial title of "The New Hampshire Grants," it formed a bone of contention for New Hampshire on the one side and New York on the other, its citizens claimed as subjects in turn by each of its stronger neighbors, it was fully awake to its educational needs. To these early patriots no donbt, as to the prophets of old there came visions of the time when, freed from the vassalage of an authorized and tyrannic power, with the vast treasuries of her natural wealth opened by the axe of the lumberman and the plow of the farmer, her valleys and







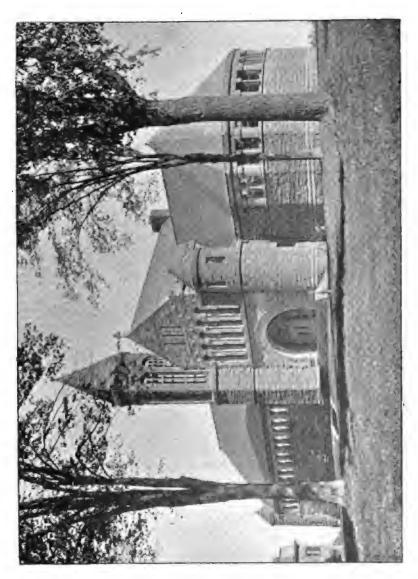
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RUINS OF TICONDEROGA.

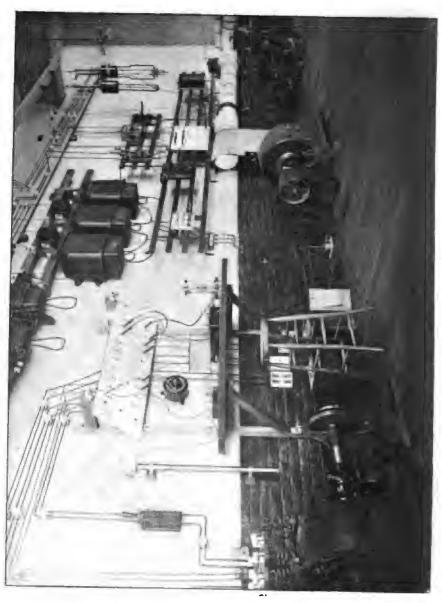
EAGLE BAY.

SCENES ON LAKE SHORE.





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her uplands teeming with a thrifty population, she should proudly lift her head among the sisterhood of States and find in her University at once the cause and promoter of her prestige.

Under such influences, the first suggestions for a Vermont college took form in the constitution of 1777. As a mere suggestion this had no direct effect and it was not until the fall of 1789 that the matter was again urged upon the Assembly. The petitioner was Gen. Ira Allen, who, with his more famous brother, Ethan, was even then actively engaged in the war for Independence. He offered to give to the proposed University the sum of four thousand pounds, provided the Legislature would "locate it within two miles of Burlington Bay."

Other subscriptions raised the total to over five thousand six hundred pounds, and after giving other towns opportunity to present their claims and receiving none, the Legislature decided to accept Gen. Allen's liberal offer, and locate the University at Burlington. Thanks to Ethan Allen and his brave "Green Mountain Boys," the "New Hampshire Grants" was about to assert its independence, and so it was that in the year 1791 the new State and its University were launched together into the struggle for growth and enlightenmentand together have they journeyed through the century that has intervened.

Hampered in the first year of its history by a lack of available funds, meaures of the utmost economy were adopted. It is interesting to note that the first president, Rev. Dr. Daniel Saunders, a graduate of Harvard, fulfilled his duties as head of the institution and instructor, as well as the ministerial duties of the parish of Burlington, the combined salaries amounting to but \$1,000 per annum. Prominent among the studies of the early curriculum were astronomy and natural philosophy, two branches of science, which of New England colleges Vermont was the first one to adopt.

Instruction was also given in Anatomy and Surgery.

The first few years were those of small beginnings but great hopes. In 1801 the new college opened its doors to students, but only four responded to the invitation. Middlebury College, founded in 1800, was only thirty miles away and from the outset competition between them was sharp. This rivalinstitution narrowed the field of patronge materially.

During the storm and stress period which began with the passage of the Non-Intercourse Act in 1807 and ended with the war of 1812, the college was a common sufferer with the industrial and commercial interests of the state.

Politics was the all-absorbing question. When war was finally declared against Great Britain, June 18, 1812, the college edifice was seized for an arsenal and soon after was demanded for barracks. This naturally put an end to its educational efforts for a time, and the peaceful abode of learning became the rendezvous of war. This state of affairs continued for three years until in 1815, the University was reorganized with a new faculty and the institution struggled on and reached what at that time must have seemed the flood-tide of prosperity, when in 1824 its main building with a portion of the library was destroyed by fire. This, however, in the light of later events, can hardly be called a misfortune. The citizens of Burlington promptly responded to the need by subscribing a sufficient sum for a new building, and the following year the two new corner-stones were put in place, one being laid by Gen. Layfayette, then on a visit to America. This seems to have marked an epoch in the growth of the institution. The financial panic of 1837 and the call to arms in 1861 though both seriously impeding for a time its onward growth, served only as severe tests of the faith and perseverance of its devoted friends. From both crises it came forth with increased strength and assurance and the sublime consciousness of victory. It would, perhaps, be uninteresting to brother readers of the Delta to enumerate the list of all the illustrious presidents and professors who, throughout the history of

the University, devoted their lives to its welfare. I will mention, however, two of its later and better-known presidents. Dr. James B. Angell, who was at the head of the institution from 1866 to 1871 when he resigned to accept the presidency of the University of Michigan; and his successor, Dr. Matthew H. Buckham, whose long term of over a quarter of a century has been one of increasing prosperity and development. The first year of his presidency marked the advent of seven young women into the University and, ever since, the "fair co-eds" have laid constant siege to undergraduate hearts.

All our New England colleges have been characterized by a slow but steady growth. It has taken Harvard over two hundred and fifty years to get its three thousand students, and Yale hardly less. Vermont has been no exception. Although we can point to no such colossal periods of growth as the above colleges have enjoyed, it is yet gratifying to us to realize that near the site of the single modest college edifice of a century ago, now stand a group of fifteen buildings, wellequipped and modern; that the old library of 100 volumes has grown to one of over 50,000; that the number of professors and instructors has increased from one to fiftysix, and the number of students from four to nearly six hundred. The curriculum now embraces five departments, those of Arts, Engineering, including Civil, Electrical and Mechanical, Chemistry, Agriculture and Medicine. Though thorough instruction is given in all the departments, the courses in Engineering and Medicine are considered especially strong.

Perhaps a word about our fraternity life will not be out of place. Even in the early years of the college, two literary societies were organized to meet the social needs of the students. Later, in 1836, a local fraternity was founded; Sigma Phi came in 1845; Delta Psi (local), in 1850; Phi Delta in 1879; Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies), in 1882; Alpha Tau Omega in 1887; Kappa Sigma in 1893; Delta Delta Delta (ladies), in 1893; and last but not least, our beloved Sigma Nu, which was mustered in the 8th of last March.

The "old grad" as he returns during the Commencement season to visit his Alma Mater loves to

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climb to the high bell-tower of the "Mill" and watch the changing beauties of the sunset. He has seen the same landscape before many times, but it is one that never grows less beautiful; indeed, each new visit seems to add to its beauty. Far down in front of him, with her magnificent elms forming a crown of green above her, lies the University city, Burlington, "fair Naples of our inland sea," in the words of an admirer. Just a mile from the college, down through the long tree-shaded streets, the waters of the lake sparkle in the sunlight. Farther out, returning from its daily trip, to a New York port, a chance steamer may be seen moving majestically into the harbor, or a fishing boat returning with its day's catch. Falling across the ten miles stretch of blue water which separates the Green Mountain from the Empire state, the setting sun makes a lovely picture. A lake of silver it seems now and the green islands as they are silhouetted against the golden light appear in all their beauty, their rough outlines softened by the magic of the sun's rays. Juniper Island, three miles away, seems near at hand, while farther southward, picturesque in its solitude, stands Rock Dunder, round whose ragged base in onial times the Red Men gathered in the quiet of summer evenings for council. A fitting back-ground to the picture, the Adirondacks, rise on the western shore, the eastern rampart of the Empire state. The sun has almost gone now, but the "old grad" still lingers in the tower. Behind him to the eastward the rocky summit of old Mansfield, king of the Green Mountain range, is reflecting the last rays of light, while the intervening region with its many neat little villages and farmhouses is already wrapped in shadow. The air is becoming uncomfortably cool now, and as the watcher descends with the incomparable beauty of the scene still before him, he wonders why our fathers when they adopted for the college motto those words from Horace, "Studiis et rebus honestis," did not make more complete by adding "et pulchris."

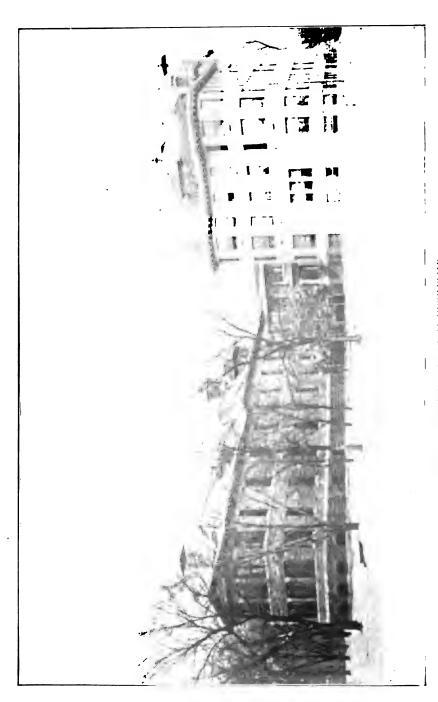
LEON E. DANIELS, Beta Sigma.



MEDICAL BUILDING, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.







# THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA AND ITS FRATERNITIES.

(c. w. jones, '94.)

ONGRESS, in 1840, passed an act setting apart a tract of 46,000 acres in Iowa for the use and support of a university, to be established after the admission of the territory of Iowa to statehood.

Less than two months had elapsed since Iowa's admission, when its Legislature passed an act locating and establishing a State University at Iowa City. Iowa's first settlers were, to a large extent, men and women who had received their schooling in the academies and schools of the eastern states, and it was but natural that its first General Assembly should take advantage of the provisions of Congress and enact such laws as would secure better educational advantages for the youth of our state.

But it was not until 1855 that the institution was opened; the instructing force consisting of a principal of the preparatory department, a professor of mathematics and a professor of languages. Very little of the true university work was done until 1876, when occurred a reorganization of the scope of the work; six new "departments," as they were styled, being added; each in charge of one professor, enabling the student to obtain a "thorough college training." Six years later, further vital changes were made, since which time the university's growth and progress have been steady and substantial, due in large part to better facilities and stronger equipment.

In 1860 the number of students in attendance was 173, of whom but 22 were enrolled in the collegiate départment. Since that time the character of the work has radically changed, the course of study keeping step with

the growth of the institution. The requirements for entrance have been steadily raised and the grade of instruction has been, from year to year, advanced. The preparotory and normal departments have been abolished; the professional departments added. Today nearly fourteen hundred students are enrolled in the various departments, under the instruction of about one hundred professors and instructors. The State Agricultural College, with an attendance of about 750, is located at Ames, and is entirely separate from the university.

A feature of our growth has been the large increase in the number of graduate students, and this has compelled the faculty, during the past year, to add additional courses for advance degrees, including that of Doctor of Philosophy, and two new chairs in the collegiate faculty have been created—of Government and Administration and of Morphology.

The most impressive building on the campus is the "Central," an imposing white stone structure which was formerly the Capitol, but now occupied by the law school, which, under the careful supervision of Chancellor Emlin McClain, is classed in the same high standard as the law departments of Harvard and the University of Michigan, and numbers students from almost every state and teritory in the Union.

With keen sorrow we learned last June of the destruction by fire of the magnificent working library of 30,000 volumes, contained in the library building just north of Central, and the thought prevailed that the catastrophe would check our growth. The building was repaired at as early a date as possible, and an experienced corps has since been engaged in cataloguing the new books. And all loyal to S. U. I. learn with pleasure that numerically the university was not affected by the fire.

A stone's throw stand the Observatory, Science and

Dental buildings. The latter—one of the University's most attractive buildings—was completed in 1895, and is the home of a dental department ranking among the foremost of such schools in the United States.

A very attractive spot is the museum. Here, in addition to the many donations of alumni and friends, are: arranged the visible results of the twenty-four expeditions: which have gone out from the university during the past ten years. Perhaps the most interesting were the Bahama-Expedition of Prof. C. C. Nutting and twenty students, in 1893, and of Mr. Frank Russell, of the class of '92. As a result of the trip to the Artic regions of the latter, full's sets of moose, caribou and musk-ox—the best and most complete sets of these animals in any museum on this continent, Smithsonian Institute not excepted—polar and grizzly bears, numbers of smaller animals, hundreds of birds, and may ethnological specimens and articles of Esquimaux and Indian manufacture have been added to the university collections.

One of the accompanying cuts shows a perspective of the new Collegiate building to be erected just east of the Medical and South buildings; plans for which were recently accepted. This building will be 239 feet by 130 feet and, when completed, will be S. U. I.'s most magnificent structure.

The new University Hospital, completed last January, is a fine structure with room for 200 beds, and stands just east of the Homeopathic building and the Chemical Laboratory—the latter capable of accommodating 400 students—both of which were completed in recent years.

While much attention is devoted to development along literary lines by the students, field sports and athletics are not neglected. The Y. M. C. A., in addition to the regular work of that organization, has done much toward the promotion of athletics. The Association occupies a fine

building which cost \$35,000, and contains the college gymnasium, and is therefore headquarters for the track, foot and baseball teams. Religion, athlethics, politics, dramatics, all command the interest and attention of the students. The press is not forgotten, as is evidenced by the publications sent out. Literary societies are numerous and prosperous.

### THE FRATERNITIES.

Into this university came Beta Mu Chapter of Sigma Nu in 1893, under the most favorable circumstances. But four fraternities to which men were eligible then existed at this school with its membership of 1,100. That Beta Nu started at a time when S. U. I. was ripe for a chapter of some sound fraternity has been amply demonstrated. Built on a firm foundation, with gradual and healthy progress, its future is encourageng. Whom its men are, what they are and what they have accomplished, it is not my purpose to write, but the standing of the fraternity in Iowa City may be inferred from the fact that eight of the nineteen active members are residents of that city.

Chapters of some of the best fraternities in the country are here represented. The first to be established was Beta Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi in 1866. It's total membership is 160; with 17 men in the University. The following year appeared Iowa Alpha Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi, whose present membership is 18.

The charter of chapter Omicron of Delta Tau Delta was granted in 1880 since which time it has initiated 120 members and now has a membership of eight. Phi Delta Theta was chartered on March 27, 1882, and its Iowa Beta chapter has an active membership of 13. Total number of initiates, about 120 men.

There are also in existence here strong chapters of Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma.

## THE SIGMA NU ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS.

(H. A. SHAW.)

June 15, 1897. This Association is the result of the efforts of Upsilon Chapter to bring the Alumni in closer touch with each other and with the active chapter, and so make them them realize that fraternity life did not cease for them when they left college.

As yet, the Association has but comparatively few members. We have probably one hundred and fifty to two hundred Sigs in Texas, yet only a few of that number have responded to the appeal for membership. However, we are not discouraged, as we feel sure that when the Alumni realize the benefit to be derived, both by themselves and by the fraternity, from the Association, they will hasten to join.

At the meeting last June the following officers were elected: George H. Carter, of Marlin, President; W. N. Miller, of Waco, First Vice-President; P. H. McNemer, of Austin, Second Vice-President; George E. Shelby, of Austin, Secretary and Treasurer; Capt. J. S. Myrick, of Austin, Trustee of Chapter House Fund.

The objects of the Association are these, viz: To promote social intercourse among the Sigma Nus of the State, and draw closer the bonds of fraternity.

To further the interests of the fraternity at large, and especially of Upsilon chapter.

To provide Upsilon Chapter with a suitable chapterhouse, or home, at the earliest possible moment, and when that object is accomplished to aid other chapters of the fraternity in securing homes.

The officers of the Association, the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary and

Treasurer, and Trustee of the Chapter-House Fund, are to constitute the Executive Council.

Any initiate of the fraternity, who is a member in good standing, may become a member of the Association by paying the dues for the current year.

The Association shall meet annually in June, in Austin, Texas, during the commencement of the University of Texas, and the Executive Council shall call such other meetings, and at such places as, in their judgment, seems necessary, provided that each member be notified of such meeting at least thirty days in advance thereof.

# Remedial Legislation.

(A REPLY BY A. MILLER BELFIELD, PURDUE, '92).

HAVE received and have perused with much pleasure the last issue of The Delta, dated March 15. Brother Sears' article on "Remedial Legislation," in the last Delta, seems to me to strike one or two weak points, and to offer very valuable suggestions in the manner of handling them. In his assertions that vigorous steps should be taken to enforce the payment of initiation fees and chapter debts, I quite agree with him. These matters hinder and handicap our successful fraternity work, and soil our honor and integrity. In the matter of the new law relating to the establishment of chapters, however, I would like to enter into a little free, open and friendly discussion.

If I may be allowed, in all meekness and humility to do so, I have to state that with the opinion of Brother Sears that the new law relating to the establishment of chapters is too severe or too conservative, I do not coincide. If I understand the position of Bro. Sears correct-

ly, he believes that the new law has proved itself defective; that it is unjust and impractical in that a single chapter of the Division in which a new chapter would be located, if organized, or a single member of the High Council, can prevent the establishment of a new chapter; and that its execution is marked by vexatious and harmful delays.

As to the alleged defectiveness of the operation of the new law, I have no knowledge. I do not know of any instance of a high class band of petitioners in a large and high grade institution of national reputation being refused admission to the Sigma Nu fraternity. There may, of course, have been such, but I am not aware of them. If there have been such they should have been cited, in order to sustain the argument that the new law is defective in operation.

On the contrary, there seems to me to be evidence that it is effective in operation. The last Delta gave a full and glowing description of the establishment at Northwestern University of a chapter which is a credit to the fraternity both in point of the character of the men in it, and of the institution in which it is placed. Also in this number of The Delta is the brief mention of the installation of a chapter at the University of Vermont, news of which reached The Delta too late for elaborate mention. We know the University of Vermont to be a high grade institution, and have every reason to suppose that the chapter there installed is of the very highest character.

So that it appears to me that instead of being defective, the new law regarding the establishment of chapters is decidedly effective. Within the last year or so during which it has been in effect, we have not added to our chapter roll a number of secondary institutions—which is exactly what we desire; but we have added two fine chapters in institutions of national standing and repute,—which is also exactly what we desire. Furthermore, one of these new chapters—the one at Northwestern University—ran the gauntlet of the largest division of the fraternity, the Seventh Division.

As to the number of sets of petitioners who have been refused admission to the Fraternity, I have no knowledge. If a number of such from comparatively small and insignificant institutions have been so treated, I cannot see that, aside from the regret that we naturally experience in having to refuse their requests, we suffer in the least. The more petitions we have, the more proud, I think, ought we to feel of our reputation, for evidently the more highly are we esteemed by the outside world.

If worthy petitioners from institutions of national repute and standing have been refused admittance, it is, of course, a matter of regret. But I know of none such. If they exist, let them be cited.

Consequently, as far as my present knowledge of its working is concerned, I cannot join in characterizing the new law in question, defective.

But it is further said to be impractical and unjust because it grants a "one-man" or a "one-chapter" power of veto, by reasons of its provisions which necessitate the unanimous vote, both of the Division in which the new chapter is to be located, and of the High Cogncil. But to this I do not see anything unreasonable or objection. Our fraternity, like others, is based on unanimity of action, in order to secure perfect harmony of all those within its confines. Its very constitution unchangeably provides that each member must be elected unanimously by the chapter of which he will become a member. So why, then, is it not just as practical and just that each proposed chapter shall be elected by the unanimous vote of all the chapters of its Division, which corresponds in its relations

to such proposed chapter, to the relatians of the collegiate chapter to the proposed new member? The danger in each case is the same,—namely, that the best good of the fraternity may be defeated by the caprice, enmity or retaliation of some of its members. A desirable member might possibly be kept out by the exercise of such qualiities on the part of the member of some chapter; or a desirable chapter might possibly be kept out by their exercise by a majority of the members of some chapter of one of the Divisions. But we not really believe our fraternity brothers are so unmanly as to be actuated by such low motives. But even if they should be so inclined, the spirit of our constitution is that it is better for the fraternity to suffer occasionally, than to break the internal unanimity of spirit and action, or to have its doors of membership open too wide. Furthermore, I believe the danger from these sources is much less potent in the case of chapter establishment, than in the case of single membership action, for the reason that where an entire chapter's vote is to be taken, the chances are that a majority of the members will not be actuated by such motives, even though some members might be.

So I say, let us prize our chapter roll just as much, and hold its standard of admission just as high, as we do our individual membership!

Finally, I understand that objection is made to the new law in that it causes vexations and harmful delays. To this it seems to me it might be said that all good things come slowly. We will be more respected, and our membership much more highly prized, if our petitioners have to wait and work for their admission. We all know that as a general rule, the things which come easily are not nearly so highly prized as those which require effort, patience and even tribulation to secure. Furthermore, if a band of petitioners is simply looking for a fraternity through

which they can "railroad" a charter, we will be very glad to have them pass by us; and if they are not willing to work and wait for their admission into our ranks, we certainly do not want them.

I certainly favor the exercise of all reasonable despatch in the matter of acting upon petitions, for we all know how unpleasant it is to have to wait for desiderata; but I favor just as strongly, the granting of sufficient time tor investigation and consideration on the part of the members of the High Council and the different collegiate chapters, and I do not accord with the proposed requirement that the former be limited to ten days, and the latter to two weeks, for recording their votes, and that all votes then unrecorded be counted affirmatively.

So, in conclusion, I have to say that I do not at present see any necessity of modifying the new law relating to the establishment of chapters, at least in any of its essential particulars. I do not remember exactly what its conditions are as to the time of reporting the vote of a chapter and of the members of the High Council upon a petition, but it seems to me there ought to be some limit placed upon them in this respect, and that about thirty days would be a reasonable time. But in the main, I am of the opsnion, so far as I now know, that this new law works very effectively.

I favor extension; but I favor extension into institutions of recognized high national standing only, and not promiscuous extension into all sorts of small and secondrate institutions.

We now have a good chapter roll, both in size and in quality. It is, I suppose, about as large as the average college fraternity chapter roll, and includes many institutions of high rank and merit—a good proportion, in fact, of such institutions of the South, West and middle west of our country. But nevertheless it can well have more.

I would gladly see it include a number of prominent institutions I might name. Rather, however, than see it be loaded down with the names of a lot of small, low grade and insignificant institutions, I would much prefer that we never add another name to it! I am a firm believer in quality in the chapter roll, as well as in the individual membership. A long chapter roll does not make a great fraternity,—not by any means. We all aver that the best men in the colleges in which we have chapters, are none to good for us; so let us maintain that the best colleges in the country are none too good for our muster roll. Let us extend, but let us do so slowly and judiciously.

### THE TWO BIG F'S.

(FROM THE THETA DELTA CHI SHIELD.)

The Delta of Sigma Nu for March in an article by W. J. Sears on Remedial Legislation says as follows:

Our financial ills are legion. Yet they all begin and end in the one great fault—indebtedness. The members are in debt to the chapters; the chapters are in debt to the fraternity; the fraternity is in debt to its patrons. Some of the chapters, indeed, have entered upon the most lavish improvidence, only to find themselves at last in the most hopeless insolvency.

But such indebtedness is far reaching. It falls upon the general fraternity like a plague of Egypt. Her publications are hampered; her administration is set about by a niggardly economy that blight all her plans and purposes; her energies are spent upon sordid fiscal affairs when they should be given to the nobler callings of the fraternity life.

The effect upon the chapters is equally as baneful. Not less than 30 chapters are in debt today and owe the grand recorder alone more than \$2,500, (\$200 on this year alone, an average of \$5.00). And worst of all, the deadening influences of these debts are falling, in most

cases, upon those who are in no way responsible for them, but who are made to bear the burdens of a weak and improvident ancestry. It is the old story of the monster eating up the very substance of one's toil—the very blood of one's life. In every case, always and forever, it drives away the fraternal spirit, dries up the well-springs of youthful energy, and leaves the chapter, at last, either dead or living a life of heartless struggles or meaningless frivolities.

The first F represents Fraternity and while it should be the only one, it must regretfully be stated that there is another and much larger F, which means Finance. seems unpleasant to drag the question of money into so-It has always been a secondary consideracial matters. tion in college fraternity work, but such treatment of so important a subject does great violence not only to fraternity existence but more to the individual himself. young man goes to college to receive education. Usually the freshman is as inexperienced in the proper handling of money as he is in everything else. His father has carried the purse and passed upon his expenditures before doling out the necessary funds. The father estimates the probable expenses of a college course and advances money accordingly. The son makes a requisition for funds to meet his fraternity obligations. He neglects to mention funds necessary to liquidate indebtedness incurred for attending to his "best girl," and numerous other etceteras. When his draft arrives and he has covered his debts, he has nothing left to meet his legitimate expenditures and they remain unpaid. He fears his father's ire if the truth be known, so he dishonors his obligations rather than tace the parental storm. The fraternity suffers. the usual condition. Concisely put the son travels on a thousand dollar gait with a hundred dollar income. is bad education if allowed to go on, and damages a young man's future prospects. The condition portrayed

by Sigma Nu is largely the experience of every other fraternity. It is a problem to which there is but one solu-There is no reason why a college man should not tion. be educated to cut his garment to fit the cloth. The college faculty have no supervision over the funds of the student. It would be a good thing if there was a professor of finance, whose duty it should be to oversee this part of a proper college education. In the light of present conditions it would be a kindness to every member of a fraternity if the most stringent rules rules were laid down in regard to financial obligations, with an extreme penalty for failure to perform. It seems hard hearted, but when a child disobeys the parent must punish in order to do moral iustice to the child. So here the most stringent measures are necessary too keep the boys in line. The man who takes upon himself the obligations of fraternity life must bear his portion of the burden. Common sense tells him before he joins that he will be expected to do it, and if he cannot he should not join. The fact of joining implies his ability to meet the consequent obligations and if he fails he has forfeited his rights of membership and should be suspended or expelled, as the case requires. What is true of the individual is true of the chapter. President Harstrom, is his last grand lodge report, dwelt in extenso on this subject and his conclusions were in effect what we have stated. Members must pay their obligations and they should be required to pay them promptly. The business man cannot shirk his obligations. His notes at bank must be met promptly when due. Every man has to learn the lesson. Why is not a kindness to teach it in the college fraternity? This will add unother to the benefits derived from membership. The man who pays his bills on the spot is much happier than the laggard. It is the one factor in existence which stays closely to every man so long as he lives. No man can amass wealth till he has learned two

lessons. How to live within his income. When he learns this he has solved the other lesson of where to get money to pay his bills promptly. When he does both he is on the highway to happiness and prosperity.

#### CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP.

The article in the Delta on Remedial Legislation referred to also contains the following:

The last grand chapter passed a law requiring every iniatiate to secure a certificate of membership which is to be given only in return for the initiation fee and without which no member is to be in good standing. The new law was aimed at those members who were in debt to the fraternity and at those chapters which, while possibly receiving the money, had used it for other purposes. It is entirely a wise provision and if properly enforced ought to insure the prompt payment of all obligations due the fraternity. When it is once understood that a Sigma Nu's standing will be questioned unless he has this certificate, the new men will then see to it that their fees are forwarded to the general officers.

There are two things connected with fraternity life which have been much discussed and till recently have always been immediately squelched by what may be called "maudlin sentiment." The first half century of Greek letter existence nursed many queer ideas. The advance age is slowly but surely changing the trend of popular opinion and in many ways to the betterment of the fraternity idea. One of these ideas is the association of ladies with any of the exercises of the fraternity, and the other is the giving of some visible evidence of membership which was very earnestly debated some years ago at a convention. One of the charges favored the idea and the large majority opposed it, backed up by alumni, and the editor of the SHIELD was the most bitter perhaps of any in condemnation of the idea. We confess that while the proposition did not seem right at that time, the idea has taken hold of us since, and after a careful study of the question in all its

bearings, we must, to be honest, withdraw from the position then taken and assert that we believe a good end might be attained by issuing a proper certificate of membership. Not by any means, however, on the grounds advanced by Sigma Nu. Such a reason as this given seems to us to prostitute the original intent of the issuance of such a certificate by any society. While, of course, no society would or does issue a certificate to any except members in good standing (which means primarily that they have paid all their dues), it does seem to us that Sigma Nu is not applying the proper remedy to the cure of her disease. She is transforming a complimentary recognition into an obligatory requirement. If her members are in debt Sigma Nu should make them settle up or expel them. So far as we know certificates are issued if desired by members and paid for. In some societies it is customary to add a certain sum to the regular initiation fee and issue to all. Have it as you will, the obligation should be attached to the other end of the rope. Require the candidate to pay before he is initiated. This should be the absolute rule in a college fraternity, as it is elsewhere. When it was not the custom of any Greek letter society to issue any evidence of membership the natural trend of opinion would oppose it, and it was on this ground that we opposed the idea so strongly. Since that day a number of old line societies have adopted the system and so the idea assuming a new phase, the college fraternity certificate of membership will soon be a somewhat necessary part of public recognition. It does no harm surely, and we can discover some points of benefit to the fraternity plan by the adoption of such a public evidence of membership.

#### ORATORY AND DEBATE.

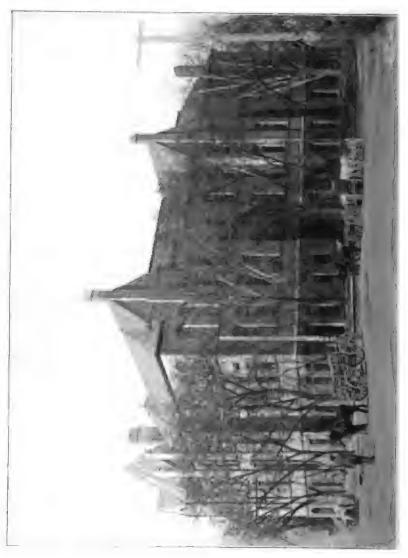
(Rev. Wm. Ellsworth Bryce, Centre College '96, Beta Theta Pi.)

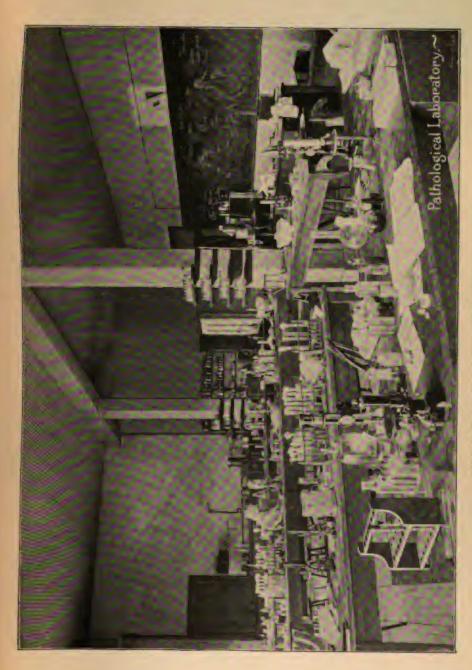
OLLEGE oratory is going out of fashion, and there are several reasons for this. One is because its standards have been so largely artificial and unreal. This is a practical age, and the world has no time for rhetorical sky rockets which start with a whizz, proceed with a fiery tail, and end in a grand explosion and shower of red and green balls. The traditional idea of college oratory has been a winged creature that never deigned to travel the common earth, but soared and lived among the clouds. The ordinary college oration has been largely an incoherent aggregation of metaphor, similes, hyperboles, allegories, and other figures of speech, clothed in highsounding verbiage, and delivered in a dramatic and unnatural manner. This style of public speech is neither edifying to the hearer nor helpful to the speaker. If the latter ever expects to occupy a high place on the platform, at the bar, or in the pulpit, he will have a great deal to He will have to find something to say and he will have to learn to say it in a simple and natural manner.

Prof. Baker, of Harvard University, who read all of the orations at a late Indiana contest, pronounced them "unreal and unnatural," and continuing said, "I wish I could say all this and more straight into the faces of the eager young fellows, who are all on the wrong track."

Among other things, he would doubtless advise them to choose simpler and smaller themes, to give the "Universe" a rest, to choose practical rather than poetical themes, and to indulge in a less reckless use of figurative speech. It would take more than Websterian genius to

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ARTOR, UENK SIAMK KILISER ZUUNDATKE deliver the "Message of the Ages" in fifteen minutes. Why not try to show in a plain and simple way "The Advantages of the Small College," or "The Place of Athletics in the College," or "The Benefits of Membership in the Literary Societies." The college "oration" will have to mend its ways very materially or it will be altogether crowded off the platform by another species of public speech known as "debate."

Debate is not a new form of public speech, but interest in it has recently been greatly revived, especially in our Eastern colleges and universities. Ever since Harvard and Yale held their first inter-collegiate debate in January, 1892, the interest in this kind of speaking has been increasing. Now many colleges and universities, not alone in the East, but also in the West, meet annually in debating contests.

The debate has many advantages over the set speech as a disciplinary practice. First it requires a much more thorough preparation on the part of the speakers.

Prof Ringwalt, of Columbia University, has a very interesting orticle in the Forum of January, 1897, on intercollegiate debating, in which he outlines some of the methods of preparation for the inter-collegiate debater in our large Eastern Universities. The question and the debaters being chosen, they set about reading at once. "Usually a bibliography of books, pamphlets and articles is prepared and divided among the debaters. Each man is instructed to look into everything on his list, to read what is pertiinent, and to take notes and report to the others all that has especial value. When this has been done, the general outlines of the subject are discussed. Next comes the making of the brief and partition of the subject. The first part of the debate is usually given to a man who has a clear head for exposition and is a graceful speaker; he must get the question before the audience clearly, and in such

a way as to win their sympathy. To the second speaker is given the brunt of the argumentation. The last speech always goes to the best man, the most facile in rebuttal. When the parts have been put into some kind of shape, a week or ten days before the contest, by far the most exhilarating part of the preparation begins,—the practice debate. Old debaters, graduate students, all men, in fact who have any knowledge of the topic, and who are willing, are called into speak against the contestants. ings are held every day. There is constant criticism by every one present of the most unsparing kind. The least misstatement, the slightest tendency to be dry or verbose or to miss a point, is caught up and the attention of the speaker called to it. This sort of preparation is a most salutary discipline, and of more practical benefit to a young speaker than a dozen orations.

"Glittering generalities" are of no use in debate. The speaker must be the master of himself and of his subject. He must have a full mind, a cool head, ready wit and a fluent tongue. He must stick to his "text," prove his assertions, and not go wool gathering among the stars. He must express himself in a sane, intelligible and persuasive manner.

"In all this alertness and facility," says Prof. Prescott, of Indiana University, "the set speech furnishes no training whatever, and in mental training; in cultivating the power to read and observe truly, to sift evidence and marshal it, and then to clothe it in words effective for the particular audience, in all this, debating is, by its inherent nature, greatly superior."

Considering the superiority of the debate in the practical training of good speakers and the interest being manifested in it by our foremost institutions of learning, it is to be hoped that Centre College will take the lead in Kentucky in elevating the debate to its proper place. Every

thing should be done to stimulate interest in debate and between the literary societies. The inter-society debate should be made one of the most important annual events in the College, and it is sincerely hoped that the inter-collegiate oratorical centests may soon take the form of inter-collegiate debates.

# THE "HONOR SYSTEM" MUST COME—GOOD INFLUENCE OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

(T. D. WITHERSPOON, JR., ZETA '94.)

N the last few months the attention of the faculties and students of many colleges have been directed to the question of the "honor system" in examinations, as practiced by some of the larger universities. The success and general favor with which this movement has been met by both faculty and student bids fair to bring the "honor system" into the smaller school and in course of time into all schools where the student has reached the age at which he can appreciate the obligations placed upon him. years of trial in some of the Eastern colleges the faculties have decided that it is by far the best plan devised, and the results of the examinations show that the work of the student is a large per cent better where they are placed on their honor and given all freedom necessary to bestow their attention on the work underhand and not feel the restraint which naturally comes with the consciousness that you are being watched. The argument has often been made that no one who is thoroughly honest should object to being This is true, but there are few who can do themselves credit when they feel the presence of some one who is ever on the alert for dishonesty.

There is another side of the question for which a remedy is harder to find than the above; that is, the men who either through laziness or lack of principle depend on the assistance they can gain from outside sources, either classmates or prepared memoranda. A new difficulty is offered here which has so far never been solved by placing a guard over the class, for in spite of the vigilance of the professor, no matter how alert, there are some who succeed in using unfair means. Beyond the demoralizing influences such men have over the class their actions are not fair to the other men. While the professor may fail to note such a man, it is not often that one escapes the attention of his fellow students, and the injustice to them is not passed unfelt.

The only solution which has been found which in any way offers a satisfactory remedy has been in the "honor system," in which after the examination questions have been given by the professor, no faculty supervision is exercised, and the entire government or the examination is left in the hands of the student body. Thus the responsibility is thrown on the class as a whole and each feels his individual responsibility. Experience has shown that those who are inclined to either give or receive aid, under the "honor system" are much less apt to make the attempt than when only the faculty are concerned. The pledge of honor which must be signed and the fear of detection by his class mates in a breach of faith to them, are much more likely to prevent unfair means than supervision by a professor.

HERE seems to be a revival of interest taken in all of the various student organizations. Certainly this revival has been a long time coming and should meet with a hearty welcome. The life of the whole school is met visibly in these organizations. The dormant student who passes his leisure hours in seclusion, hibernating in his own narrow realm, does little for his tellow companions and loses much of the good that comes from the exchange of ideas and experiences to be gained by taking an active part in the college organizations. The interest manifested in the success and promotion of the few or many societies or clubs of a college is one of the best standards by which the life and work of any institution may be judged. Where this side of college life is neglected, either through indifference or apparent lack of time, narrow and unsymmetrical minds are devolved, which fail to fulfill one of the primary objects of education—the broadening and developing of the whole nature. There are many phases of college life that are not found in the curriculum, as laid down in the catalogue, which exert an influence over the student during the four years of work in which he is laying the foundation for after life. portunities are offered for the development of individuality, self-reliance and the cultivation of varied talents which prove of the greatest value in both his college days and after life.

#### A BRIEF SKETCH OF PHI'S CHAPTER HOUSE,

(WYLIE M. BARROW, PHI '93.

The history of a chapter house is always full of interest to those who have watched the growth of their fraternity from its initiation into their college life, and especially is this true when the members of that chapter can point proudly to the different stages of improvement, and finally to the crowing success of a modern chapter house of their own.

When Phi Chapter of Sigma Nu was first organized at the Louisiana State University, its members consisted

almost entirely of the abandoned chapter of the old Kappa Sigma Kappa fraternity, whose existence was unfortunately brief. Phi, therefore, might be said to have been a merging of Kappa Sigma Kappa into Sigma Nu.

The question of a suitable meeting place was long a troublesome one with Phi. Very few of the Southern fraternities owned their own chapter houses until of very recent years, and when a new chapter is organized there is always much trouble in finding a desirable place to hold secret meetings. This was extremely difficult with Phi chapter, on account of the fact that the only available rooms were occupied by professors as class rooms, and used for other purposes, and the military discipline precluded the possibility of securing rooms in the town of Baton Bogue, nearby, a plan adopted by many fraternities in organizing new chapters. So after some search without any success, an obscure and unused end room in what is known at the University as "C" building was chosen as a meeting place, and it was there that Phi sprang into life, so near to the other and occupied rooms that meetings had to be conducted in a whisper. Here the infant days of the chapter were passed, and the strong life blood which has kept her alive and vigorous ever since was infused into her veins.

It has always seemed to me, that, considering the amount of benefit colleges receive from fraternities,—for no one can doubt that they raise the standard of any college,—they should be willing to provide chapter houses, or at least, assist the struggling young chapter to provide one of its own. This seemed to be partially realized by the faculty of the University, as it will be seen that they did render us what assistance they could.

For several years this dingy room supplied our needs, until finally, when it became apparent that the secrets of the order were endangered by continuing to hold meetings in this almost public place, our energetic brethren sought and obtained permission from the faculty to repair and use a small frame building, isolated from all others, almost a ruin, but possessing the charm of privacy. The leaky roof was repaired, the building painted, and its interior decorated in bright hues. All the work was done by members of the chapter, and too much credit cannot be paid to those faithful Sigs who gave up their leisure moments and their holidays to beautifying the hall. In a short time we had a meeting house that we were proud of. It would belie the loyalty of our order did I not especially mention the kind assistance we received from our girls,-I mean Sigma Nu girls. It was at this period in her history that Phi first learned the loyalty of the girls who wore the colors of our fraternity. When the rough work was finished, a delegation of staunch Sigma Nu girls came to the hall, and under the magic spell of deft fingers, wrought a change in the interior of the erstwhile rude building, and transformed it into one of the prettiest chapter houses on the grounds of Louisiana State University Even to-day we hold in tender evidence of their faithfulness, numerous table covers, scarfs, and ornaments, all covered with cabalistic signs of the order, fashioned from our glorious tricolor in they wa only a woman's hands can furnish such things.

It was indeed a comfort, this new hall, and for three years our weekly meetings were held there. But there is something about the ambition and vigor of youth that nothing can satisfy. The young mind is always alighting on higher planes than the last on which it rested. The unsatisfied desire to possess a hall of our own had only grown stronger when we approached such a possibility, and it is with deep gratitude and feelings of sincere appreciation that I say. to Bro. Frank B. Jones belongs the honor of originating the idea and carrying it out, of

building our present chapter hall. At first mention the plan seemed beyond the power of execution. work, in addition to the burden already upon the chapter, was rather a risky undertaking. All had their doubts and fears; but by continually discussing the plans, and keeping before the minds of the chapter's members the satisfaction that could come from having a chapter house entirely our own, new enthusiasm was awakened, and gradually the plan lost its difficulties and became a real, living fact. Bro. Henry Sherburn was untiring in his efforts, and every member of the chapter took an active interest in the work. A letter was sent to the alumni in the State urgently requesting their aid. Many responded liberally. At every meeting a collection was made, and all placed together as the "Hall Fund," A committee was appointed to go before the faculty and offer the old hall to them, with the improvements we had made, for the price of the improvements. From this source we realized something over fifty dollars, and almost before we knew it, the fund had grown to considerable proportions and we were ready to begin on our hall.

The foundations of the present chapter house were laid in the Spring of 1893. By the end of the term the hall was completed, and the first meeting was held there on June —, 1893. The pretty little house is the pride of Phi's members. Situated near the University Pavilion, it is neat in appearance, and though simple in design, is an ornament to the grounds, spacious and comfortable. The interior of the hall is artistically decorated. The colors of Sigma Nu have been used lavishly. On the walls hang numerous paintings and engravings, while under a canopied arch the worthy leader sits.

Again I must refer to the enthusiasm of Sigma Nu's girls. Everywhere we look there is something to show the touch of their fair hands. Here a handsome table



PHI'S FIRST MEETING PLACE. END ROOM OF "C" BUILDING.

Door marked X is one in which Phi held her first meeting.

PHI'S PRESENT CHAPTER HALL.

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PHI'S SECOND MEETING PLACE, WHICH WAS SOLD TO FACULTY.

cover, there another, bits of drapery, a curtain caught up with an old gold ribbon that has the very look of tenderness.

As we sit on the starry evenings in the fraternal converse, there comes to us a memory of Phi's career. Her alumni all stand high, have taken their places among men and hold responsible positions. Our chapter has the friendship of the college and enjoys the respect and friendly feelings of the other fraternities and the uninitiated. She has a host of the capital's fairest daughters who wear her colors and inspire her men to noble deeds. Phi feels proud of her record, for in the few years of her existence she has won a place of distinction; but prouder still does she feel that she can point to her beautiful chapter house, which gives her independence, and insures her a long and successful career.

## THE SEVENTH DIVISION CONVENTION AT BLOOMINGTON, IND., MAY 13-14.

(c. E. w.)

Taking inspiration from its many past successful gatherings, the Seventh Division Convention met this year with Beta Eta chapter, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., on May 13-14.

The social reatures of the convocation included a banquet at the fine Hotel Gentry, a carriage party to the base ball game, I. U. vs. Rose Poly, the latter losing 11-8, but not without a brilliant struggle. Bro. Geo. Likert, of Rose, played a star game in left and kept his fraters on the side lines cheering his hits and catches. The banquet was a gem, and lasted three hours. But the event of the occasion was the reception and dance at the National Hotel. President Swayne, the big, brainy Presdent of I. U., with his accomplished wife and Professors and wives were distinguished guests, adding tone to the affair. Fifty or more of the fairest of the fair were there wearing the white rose of Sigma Nu, while every fraternity in college was represented. Harry Junk, Division Inspector, was there flanked by Geo. M. Cook, the "chapter dad," and Clarence E. Woods, Grand Recorder of Sigma Nu. The visiting delegates and the alumni and active members were none too numerous, to look after the maidens who had come to dance the hours away with the boys of Sigma Nu.

The business sessions were markedly interesting, regret being expressed at the absence of delegates from Albion, Mich., and Galesburg, Ill., both of which chapters sent tidings of warm fraternal regard and interest in the order. Beta Pi, Chicago University, was not represented, having a few days before voluntarily withdrawn from the fraternity—an act that quite changed the division's estimate of her from lofty regard to pity and disgust.

The meeting was characterized by the utmost harmony, progress being reported along all lines by the seven chapters represented. Considering that this division contains about one-fourth of the entire number of active chapters, it is all the more remarkable that only two chapters were not represented.

Beta Eta had made extensive preparation for the occasion, the most delightful provision of which was to have George Cook there! He is a whole convention himself, and the undersigned serves notice that Boatman will never be missed so long as George Magnificent Cook attends these gatherings. Like Boatman, Cook is wise and witty, fat and pretty, and chock full of Sigma Nu. Harry Junk had traveled all day long to get there, chaperoning Beta Nu's excellent delegate, C. E. Beatty.

The latter is a "dark horse" when not groomed carefully by Junk, and as an eater he is a gastronomical phenomenon. He can out-eat the undersigned, which easily gives Beatty the diploma.

We noted with regret the absence of Bro. Jas Alvin Clark, our excellent Vice Regent, who has been a distinguished guest at several of these conventions adding greatly to the profit and pleasure of all such occasions.

The sessions of the convention were held in the double parlors of the chapter house, a commodious two-story brick structure on South Walaut street. Inspector Junk presided with his customary ease and impressed the delegates with his enthusiasm and earnestness of purpose. Bro. O. T. Shultz was appointed Secretary of the meeting, and George M. Cook, Grand Marshal.

Among other things the question of assessing the chapters one dollar each per annum for incidental expenses of the association, such as postage, etc., was discussed and acted upon favorably. Another matter debated, already a law of the association, but misunderstood, was the manner of assessing chapters for expenses of delegates to the annual division convention. The plan in force is so simple and so equitable as to merit the unanimous endorsement given it. It is, briefly, this: Every chapter in the division, being a member of the association, shall have a delegate at the annual convention or pay to the division treasurer a sum equal to the expenses of a delegate. This means compulsory attendance or punishment, which tends to insure the success of the gatherings.

As each chapter must send a delegate it must pay his expenses, of course, and therefore a scheme has been devised which will equalize the total cost of all delegates, so that the expense will not fall heavily on the remote chapters and lightly on those nearer the point of meeting, but will rest equally upon all. The way this is accomplished

is to divide the sum total of expenses of all the delegates by the total number of active members in the entire division. For instance if there are 100 men in the division and it cost \$150 to send nine delegates to the convention, each chapter will be assessed \$1.50 per member. supposing, as may be the case, that one remote chapter with ten members sends a delegate a long distance and his expenses are, say \$30, it would appear that each man in that chapter would have to gay \$3 toward the delegate's expenses, while near-by chapters would get off lightly. Here the scheme comes in and lifts the unequal The chapter has paid out \$30 as before mentioned, but receives a rebate of \$15 from the Treasurer of the division, reducing the assessment to the common average. To better illustrate this, take Beta Beta this year, which was closest to the meeting place. The traveling expenses and hotel bill of her delegate amounted to \$5.00, while Beta Nu's delegate cost about \$28. Instead of assessing Beta Beta 25 cents per member and Beta Nu \$3.00, we assessed each of her men the same, \$1.50, so that, although B. B. may have only half as many men, she pays no more per capita than the chapters with twice her membership. It simply compels each individual in the division to pay his part of the expense absolutely necessary to provide for delegates from every chapter.

We think so well of the method that it should be adopted by the next Grand Chapter, where we will illustrate the scheme, showing the probable cost to each member of the fraternity to provide for a delegate to the Grand Chapter from every chapter in the United States.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report. It embraces the cost of delegates' expenses to the Columbus. O., Convention last year, and fully explains the schemes of assessing chapters:

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From Beta Iota and Gamma Gamma, which should be paid to the Treasurer, C. B. Smyth, care Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terre Haute, Indiana.

The election of officers resulted as follows, the President holding over: Vice-President, George B. Goodwin, of Gamma Beta, our new chapter at Northwestern; Secretary, John McDermont, of Beta Eta; Tresurer, Cubitt B. Smyth, of Beta Upsilon.

Harry P. Junk and George Cook were elected delegates-at-large to the next Grand Chapter, the expenses of the first named to be paid by the division treasurer. The alternates chosen were Edward S. Silk, of Beta Zeta, and S. Grant Miller, an alumnus of Beta Iota, and one of her delegates at this meeting.

#### NOTES.

Of nine chapters in the division five have rented homes.

A group photograph was taken and several snap shots by Bro. G. K. Smith, an enterprising delegate from Beta Iota.

Beta Upsilon, of Rose Polytechnic, sent four fine men, the largest number from any chapter—Appleton, Smyth, Likert and Jumper.

Gamma Beta's delegate, Bro. George B. Goodwin, made a fine impression and won all hearts to him and his chapter. He was placed on three committees, chairman of two, and was elected Vice-President of the Division—substantial recognition of the individual and of his chapter.

As usual Beta Zeta sent strong representatives, thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Sigma Nu, men representative of the chapter in every way, Fiske and Silk. The latter's toast, "Sigs as Athletes," is reprinted in this issue.

Gamma Gamma, Albion, Mich., by telegram from Ralph Folks, sent a long and cordial message, regretting her inability to be represented this year. Delta Theta also, expecting Bro. Clark to be present, was disappointed, as was the convention, in not being represented.

J. L. Stout and C. H. Smith ably represented Beta Beta, the former having had experience in Grand Chapter work whilst the latter is one of the oldest and ablest men of his chapter. Elsewhere is printed his excellent toast, "At Home in a Chapter House."

Beta Eta's fine set of men did all they could to contribute to our enjoyment and they certainly deserve great praise. The chapter not only went to no little expense to entertain the convention, but extricated itself from debt. Among its members may be mentioned, W. T. Knox, the model reporter, says inspector Junk; Robert Ellison, a

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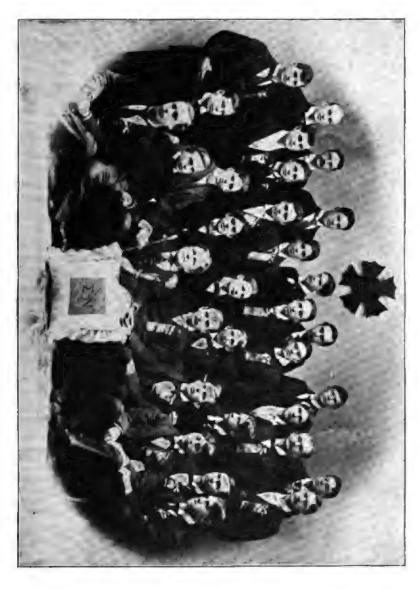
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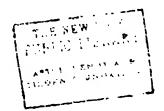


GEO. M. COOK.

Invocation
Welcome
Response
"When Greek meets Greek"
"How We Drive a Spike"
"Sigs as Athletes" Edward S. Silk, Beta Zeta
"Sigma Nu's Outlook"
"The Student Sig"
"Frat Life Without The College Girl" W. C. Appleton, Beta Upsilon
"A Word From Michigan"
"At Home in a Chapter House"
"New Arrival of the Seventh Circle" George B. Goodwin, Gamma Beta
"Indiana's Giris" Oscar T. Schultz, Beta Eta
"Once a Sig, Always a Sig"
"The Hoosier Sigma Nu's"







solid man, such as every chapter needs; both modest men who show their faith by their works.

S. Grant Miller was the oldest delegate and Beta Iota is to be thanked for sending two such noble good fellows as Miller and Smith.

Elsewhere appears the toast list, which was printed upon a souvenir page containing a fine picture of the Hon. Geo. M. Cook, the chapter "dad." The menu was printed on yellow silk moire, and was in harmony with the banquet and the superb decorations, the most elaborate ever given in the tamous Hotel Gentry.

#### BANQUETERS.

G. W. Curtis, H. P. Junk, G. M. Cook, ... C. E. Fryer. G. B. Goodwin, A.L. Murray, S. Grant Miller, F. C. Krauskoff, G. H. Smith, W. T. Knox, C. E. Beatty, G. F. Stinchfield, Geo. Likert, N. W. Murphy, C. B. Smyth, Frank Advelotte, A. E. Starbuck. T. J. Jumper, Wm. Appleton, E. D. Reed, John Fisk, G. M. Selby, E. S. Silk, J. R. McDermont, J. L. Stout, T. J. Davis, C. M. Smith, R. S. Ellison, O. T. Schultz, Walter Jones, A. N. Hercules, W. G. Hardy, C. E. Woods.

#### SIGS AS ATHLETES.

(TOAST BY E. S. SILK, B. Z., AT SEVENTH DIVISION CON-VENTION.)

I find the subject of athletics, in a speech as in a fraternity, a delicate and difficult one to handle. It is or prime importance in traternity work, for it can be the lite or death of a chapter. While much good attends the proper care of the athletic aspirations of the members of a college secret organization, the misuse of the opportunities for good is sure to result in harm to the organization as a whole, and in evil for the individual members of it.

One of the chief benefits of athletics in fraternity work is the fact that it obliges a man to be temperate in all his habits; compels him to give up evil habits and associations, a thing which should always be encouraged in our brothers. We can not overestimate the value of the mental, as well as the physical training resulting in ultimate good to the fraternity as a result of its representation on the gridiron, the track and the diamond.

An athlete meets with much opposition, and is confronted with circumstances, in the face of which he must control his will. Many of you know better than I do, the temptation which comes to a foot ball player, when an opponent on the field accidentally pokes his elbow in your face or plants his heel squarely in the small of your back. It is here that you must learn to control yourself, and develop those powers which cannot but help to put into a man such qualities as will make him strong in fraternity work as well as in athletic contests.

The relation which athletics hold to educational institutions, is that it is a medium of advertisement, serves as an attraction for a good solid class of students and with few exceptions, is the only way by which college men are brought together, to become acquainted with the ways of doing things in other institutions.

There is a tendency in many educational institutions to frown on athletics, not that they are harmful, but for the very reason that the athletes themselves do not keep up the standing of the sports. There are no more potent factors in the history of college athletics, than the work and influence of the secret societies; be that influence for good or bad. What we want are men who are athletes for the sake of the sport, and fraternity men for the sake of their fraternity. And as a fraternity we should pride ourselves not on the number of athletes we spike, but on the number we develop.

Members of fraternities should become athletes and not athletes become members of a fraternity! often the case that when a man is about to be spiked his other qualifications are overlooked and he is spiked merely because he holds a state record, or is a good ball player. Brother, I would discourage this from the very first. What, do we want a fraternity of athletes, who have not the qualities which go to make up genuine Sigma Nu's? Is it not much better to have the members to become athletes, than to select athletes for members? If other fraternities want, they are welcome to them, but what we want is first to get those men who will make good, manly brothers and look secondly to their athletics. Understand me, that I do not mean this is done by Sigma Nu alone, for there is a tendency to do so in all fraternities. watched carefully during the short period I have been a fraternity man, the actions of other traternities on this point, and I find that athletic honor proves a great temptation.

The point I wish most to emphasize is this, we must make our brothers athletes, if we want athletes in our fraternity. A hard task you may say, but not so. You will pardon me for referring to my own chapter, but I do so because I have had more of an opportunity to watch carefully the development of several of our brothers, and all they needed, fellows, was encouragement.

We all ought to take the greatest interest along this line, and we surely will if we love our fraternity and want to see her accomplish the greatest good. What is our fraternity for unless it is to be productive of great good to us? And the good we get from her is dealt out to us in just proportions to the interest we take in her welfare. Remember, that we get from our fraternity in proportion to what we take to her altars, in services and sacrifices.

And in the words of the past, let me propose to the athletes of Sigma Nu fraternity this toast.

Let us drink to their health e'en the very last lad, For a worthier lot Sigma Nu never had; May they enter on life and climb upwards to fame With as hearty a vim as they enter a game.

#### AT HOME IN A CHAPTER HOUSE.

TOAST BY C. H. SMITH, DE PAUW, AT 7TH DIV. CONVENTION, MAY 13-14, '98.

I am glad that I have been given this subject because it appeals to the sensibilities. I have always been accused of being sentimental, especially by the ladies, and I am never so much troubled by this failing as when alone with one of this species, especially if she be young and fair with other conditions favorable. In fact, I confess that under these conditions my sentimental emotions sometimes become so imperative as even to demand active demenstration, and I confess also to have been sharply criticised at these times for not keeping these emotions to

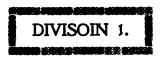
myself, for, ethereal as the fair ones themselves are, and however much air and ether may enter into their composition, they demand only the most distinctively mundany elements in a member of the other sex, if he is to challenge thier admiration. In other words, they prefer onle the most stern and masculine qualities.

But there is something magical in the word Home that finds instant response in the heart of every honest man, and especially of every loyal Sigma Nu. To the tried, storm-tossed man-of-the-world who has learned the fatal lesson of compromise with the questionable things of this cold, hard, practical life, that word suggests a peaceful sense of dewy innocence and purity, and there is brought before his mind a panorama of all that adventurous period between the rattle-box and the sprouting beard. are some scenes that appeal specially to his tender emotions, such as that delightful journey around the field. harging to the tail of a well-developed steer, when a fellow can cover the ground at the merry rate of about four rods at a stride; or, such as trying his first chew of tobacco, or taking a ride around the pen on the backs of the frightened sheep, in company with another imp of equally diabolical propensities. And more touching to our man-of-the-world than all the rest were the consequences which followed when the old man caught them He didn't understand it then, but he has learned since that there is a compensation in the world that evens up, so to speak, all things. The mother is the core and center of every home. We all remember how, having been away from the house for as long as an hour or two, the first thing we would ask on coming back would be, "where is mother?" Our man-of-the-world didn't realize how dependent he was on that mother at the time. When the time comes for him to break away from these sacred home ties, he imagines he is prepared to take care of himself and doesn't need to depend on anybody, but he is mistaken. He knows that there is something the matter, and he feels an elephantine awkwardness about the way in which he manages his hand in the game of life, but he has no idea what it is that is lacking. He drifts perhaps to the university. Perhaps he joins a fraternity and moves into a frat-house; and while the domestic peace and tranquility of a family of boys in a frat-house is something stupendous, except when their animal spirits find vent in those periodic eruptions known as "rough house," and although our man-of-the-world gets acquainted with all the girls and has lots of fun, yet there is still something lacking—a wretched sense of loneliness and longing for which he cannot account.

He is wondering what can be the cause of this vacancy in his life, as he comes home late at night from a reception, his head in a whirl, and tired and sick of the emptiness and heartless show of social life. His big chair seems unusually easy and comfortable and his pipe especially fragrant and friendly. As he perches his feet on the highest book-case he can find, he feels about ready to renounce the world and settle down to a comfortable oldbachelorhood, where, as his eye wanders listlessly over the innumerable pictures and photos that cover the wall, it suddenly falls on one that means more to him than all the rest, and for the first time he begins to appreciate his mother and to realize that the nameless unrest or longing, or whatever it is that makes such a restless, scatterbrained, headstrong cuss out of him is the absence of her influence in his life. He sees that the reason why he does so many ridiculous things is because he has lost that ballast from his life to steady him. He begins to realize that a man without a woman to guide and steady him is like a vessel plunging at full steam through the stormy sea without a pilot. He sees how he has put out from the harbor of home, headlong into the sea of life as blindly and possessing as little tact as a Cyclops after having his eyes put out by Ulysses. As he dreams, his eye roves a little further. and falls on one more photograph, that also a delicate and tender face, over which he dreams long and fondly, for it is the key to his dearest and highest aspirations. The first took him back in memory to those influences for good and love, which he has in a sense lost; the second stands for those same influences towards which he looks forward. for which his hungry bachelor heart longs, and which he hopes to prove himself brave and manly enough to de-As he gazes at that sweet face, he feels that it is already influencing him for good. His pipe is long since smoked out, his eyes gradually close, and his hands relax, but he goes on in fond dreams to where that soft and tender influence gradually enfolds itself around his cold and hungry heart—an angelic influence that has come at last to be a guide to him by virtue of its natural goodness and wisdom; he seems to see the sweet face draw gradually closer and closer, the brown hair falls upon his shoulders, he feels the warm breath against his face, and just as that soft cheek touches his, he awakes—awakes to find himself the same poor lonely devil that he was before, in a frathouse, surrounded by a lot of others like himself.

Friends of Sigma Nu, the frat-house doesn't quite take the place of the home we leave, because there is no mother, but it comes just as near to filling that want as anything could. It gives a fellow a home, and gives him all that contentment and settled purpose which comes with home life, beside binding the boys closer together in brotherhood. It is the ideal college life, and most of our chapters are awakening to its importance and advantage, and it is to be hoped that the rest will soon do likewise.

## Phapter Letters.



#### BETA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.—A. F.
TOOLE.

Now that the end of the long session is almost in sight the "plugger" is redoubling his efforts, and the easy-goer is resolving to do a wonderful amount of studying in a short time, so that his conscience may be clear for commencement gayeties and summer vacation. The greater number of our little band intend to return next fall, and we are already planning for still greater success for Beta during the session '98-99.

With spring has come base ball, and with base ball renewed interest in the 'Varsity team, and its struggles on the diamond with other teams from far and near. In our contests with the teams from other colleges, up to this date, we have come out, with but one exception, victorious, seeing Lehigh, Princeton and smaller colleges go down, and winning one or two games from Yale. After receiving visitors on home grounds, the team will take a trip to enjoy the hospitality of our Northern rivals. Bro. Collier is our well known representative on the team again this year, as pitcher, and covering centerfield when not pitching.

Before the end of the session the fraternity annual, "Corks and Curls," will be out. On its editorial board our representative is Bro. Fulton.

Commencement is always a gala season, but commencement this year promises to outdo all others, and extensive preparations are being made by the faculty to have a "big time" on a large scale, the occasion being the dedication of the splendid new buildings which have been erected in the last two or three years and are now about completed. Space will not permit a full notice of them, but in short they consist of the restored rotunda, the large new academic building with the auditorium or assemblyroom attached, and the new Mechanical and Rouss Physical Laboratories. The modern and costly equipment of the two latter buildings is in line of the increased attention that will be given to regular and advanced work in the schools of science; and in a few years, it is belived the attendance of the old University will be much larger than at present; we of Beta, for our part, expect to get our share of this number, in both "goats" and affiliates.

With best wishes to the Sigs of all other chapters, particularly our new ones on the banks of Lakes Michigan and Champlain, Beta bids them adieu until our next.

#### BETA TAU.

NORTH CAROLINA A. AND M. COLLEGE, RALBIGH.—CHAS.
PEARSON.

The past few months have been uneventful ones with Beta Tau. We have been unsuccessful in our work for new men, but we have not begun to lose hope and our chapter holds her own. Our boys are making good records this year. Bro. Lamb will be graduated in June, but we hope to have him with us next year, as he talks of taking up some post-graduate work.

We have just received our new charter and to say that we are delighted is expressing it very mildly indeed.

We bare our heads to our noble Grand Recorder and pray for some of the inspiration that prompted him to design so beautiful a work for Sigma Nu. If Clarence E. Woods had never done anything else for the fraternity than design that charter, his name would ever be immortal with Sigma Nus everywhere.

Bro. Wood is manager of the base ball team and Bro. Lamb has been elected one of the class orators for commencement. Our prospect for honors this year is good. Here's a hearty welcome for our new chapters in the North.



#### BETA THETA.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, AUBURN.—W. L. ANDERSON.

Beta Theta sends greetings to her sister chapters.

Since our last letter we have led two men into the mysteries of Sigma Nu. They are Messrs. James A. Allen, of Birmingham, Ala., and R. M. Martin, of Clayton, Ala. They are worthy "Sigs" and from the finest families in in the State.

After the promotions in the Batallion were announced, in was seen that we were well represented. Bro. Hare was promoted to Captaint Co. B; Bro. Stewart to Captain Co. C.; Bro. J. H. Jones to Sergeant Co. A, and Bro. E. H. Foy to First Corporal Co. D.

To show how we stand here, I will name a few of the honors that we have received this year: Bro. Hare is President of the Senior Class, President of the Athletic advisary Board and Manager of '98 foot ball team; Bro. Stewart was unanimously elected leader of the commence-

ment hop; Bro. Fenn is President of Junior Class; Bro. E. H. Foy, manager of class foot ball team, and your humble scribe is leader of the Sophomore German Club, and Captain of class base ball team. Bro. J. P. Jones has been invited by the ladies Memorial Association to deliver the memorial address. Bro. Jones is a fine orator and we expect him to cover himself with glory and do honor to his Fraternity.

After the Chrismas holidays all of the boys came back ready for business. The first thing we did was to look after two men, of whom I have spoken, and we were successful in initiating both of them. The next thing we did was to remodel our old hall and now we have one of the nicest and neatest halls here, and with the present prospects, this year will end as the most successful in the history of Beta Theta.

Bro. Negus, '97, made us a short visit last month. We always enjoy having him with us, and hope that it will not be long before he repeats his visit.

Beta Theta, as a whole, endorses Bro. Kemp's suggestion as Atlanta for the place of holding the meeting of our next Grand chapters. Here we hope to meet delegates from all our chapters, particularly from Gamma Beta and Beta Sigma, July 20-22.

#### UPSILON.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN.—J. HARRAL BOOTH.

It is with pride and pleasure that we look over the March Delta. We are glad to note the indications of internal strength that are becoming more noticable in our fraternity.

We have had an initiation since our last letter and congratulate ourselves on securing so fine a man as Bro.

Warren Townsend Robertson. Bro. Robertson possesses sterling qualities and will make a man of whom we may well be proud. We have another man under consideration and may be able to present him to the fraternity in the near future.

At present things are rather quiet at U. of T. The student body is preparing for the Final Ball, the biggest social event of the year. All are looking forward in anticipation of the "Cactus," our annual which is to come out May 1. It is claimed that this Cactus will surpass anything that has gone before.

While at St. Edward's College the other day with our baseball team, we had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Ledbetter from the University of Louisiana. Bro. Ledbetter is now attending St. Edward's College but we have about persuaded aim to attend U. of T. next year, where he will be quite an addition to the chapter.

We are now busily preparing for our picnic and the alumni banquet.

Bro. H. A. Shaw lately withdrew from college to take charge of his ranch in Coleman county, Texas, and Upsilon loses one of her best men. Greetings to our two new sister chapters.

# BETA PHI.

TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA.-H. H. GATES.

THE DELTAS were received on the 25th, the time limit for chapter letters, but I trust this may not be too late for publication. There is not much to tell of Beta Phi at this time. Examinations will soon be upon the law and medical members and they are hard at work. Bro. Yandell will graduate from the medical and Bro. Allan Sholars from the law..

Our boys are holding up their ends in every department.

Inter fraternity base-ball is sweeping college now. We play the Kappa Alpha Tuesday and hope to win, although we are all "scrubs" in the line of base ball.

Next week Bros. Yandell and Culver leave for their respective homes. They will both be greatly missed, as two stauncher Sigs can nowhere be found. We will also lose Bro. Bush who leaves for Columbia College.

Beta Phi extends greetings to our new sisters, Gamma Beta and Beta Sigma.

### PHI.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, BATON ROUGE.—J. S. WASHBURN.

In consequence of the very short time since the issue of the last Delta, Phi is somewhat at a loss for news.

Bro. L. J. Williams represented this chapter at the Louisiana State Alumni Association of Sigma Nu, which convened in New Orleans on the 19th of February, and he reports that the convention was a great success. The next meeting of this association will be held in Baton Rouge during the commencement exercises of the L. S. U. We sincerely hope to see a good number of our brothers present, for we can assure them that the members of Phi will do all in their power to make them have a good time.

We are very sorry that our Grand Recorder, Bro. C. E. Woods, was unable to attend the meeting in New Orleans, but think it would be a very agreeable surprise to us if he would be present at this next convention in Baton Rouge.

Nothing else worthy of mention outside of the daily routine of school exercises has happened, so, as before stated, we have no news for the readers of this letter. To Gamma Beta and Beta Sigma we send hearty greetings of fraternal regard, forming as we do the lowest point of a

great triangle, with Evanston, Ill., and Burlington, Vt., at the other extremes.

## THETA.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA .- B. P. POWELL.

Only a few more weeks and the scholastic year of '97-'98 at the University will be a "thing of the past." Examinations with their trials and suspense, and commencement with its pleasures of banqueting and dancing, and sorrows of departure, are near at hand.

As I look back on the year nearly ended, and view with sincerest pleasure the honors won by the boys of Sigma Nu, my heart swells with love for my dear old frat, and I realize that Theta has obtained more than her share of the college honors this year.

In the base ball team we were represented by Bros. Rainer and Stevens. This was Rainer's first year on the team; he has played well, and will have no trouble getting on next year. Stevens has played on the nine for three years, and all admit that Steve, better known as "Handsome Boy," is the best fielder the team has had in many years.

Our Seniors, Bros. Hope, Flowers and Laslie, are three of the most popular boys among the students, as well as among the ladies.

I am proud to say that the Sigs got the Chairmanship of all three of the committees for commencement: Bro. Stevens is Chairman of the Arrangements Committee; Flowers is Chairman of the Invitation Committee, and Bro. Laslie is Chairman of the Reception Committee.

Hope was elected Captain of the gymnasium team, and is also one of the associate editors of the Corolla,

Bro. Blair, one of our Juniors, is First Vice-President of the Erosophic Literary Society, and recently had the

honor of representing that society as one of the two speakers, in a joint debate between the Erosophics and Philomathians.

Bro. Hollingsworth, who is making one of the best marks in his class, is one of the prettiest speakers in school, and has represented his society, the Erosophic, on one or two public occasions.

As last among the Juniors, your scribe has the honor of having been First Vice-President of the Erosophic Society, of having been First Vice-President of his class, and assistant business manager of the "Crimson-White."

The Soph's have also come in for their honors. Messrs. Andrews, Alston and Jennings, our three Rats from Clayton, who came here after Xmas, were on the Sophomore speaking list, and each of the aforesaid young gentlemen covered himself with glory. What the Rats didn't say wasn't worth saying.

Eley is one of our most popular boys, and is reflecting honor on his frat by the good record he is making.

And now, last but not least, come the Freshmen, the pride of the frat, each one "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." But the "freshies" haven't been asleep, and though we have but two, Moody stands among the first in his class, and Hays is holding his own in athletics, having been manager of class foot ball team.

The frat has been unfortunate in losing this year four good and worthy brothers, Mitchell and Sibert from the freshman class; Hester from the Soph, and Altman trom the Junior.

Commencement will be a lively one. On Tuesday night the Sigs will have their annual banquet, which will be led by Bro. Friedman, a loyal Sig of the class of '97, and one of Tuscaloosa's most promising sons. On Wednesday night comes the commencement hop; on Thursday morning the Phi Delta Theta dance; on Thursday night

the D. K. E. banquet, and on Friday night the A. T. O. banquet.

Our banquet coming first of all will give us a nice advantage over all the others; most of the arrangements have already been made, and all are expecting a gay old time. The black, white and gold will triumph as she generally does.

Theta loses this year by graduation, Bros. Hope, Flowers and Laslie. Each of these has endeared himself very much to the members of the chapter by his loyalty to Sigma Nu, his kindness and generosity, and it is with sincere regret that we part with them, knowing their places will be hard to fill. But we wish them success in their future work, and doubt not that they will prosper.

Theta has bright prospects before her, and intends to go upward and onward.

And now, in conclusion, she sends greetings to her new and old sister chapters, wishing each wearer of the five-armed star, a happy vacation.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

1898.

Vernon Hope, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Walter Flowers, Greenville, Ala. Corinne Laslie, Tuskegee, Ala.

1899.

Wynn Blair, Clayton, Ala.

Edgar Hollingsworth, Clayton, Ala.

Heron Rainer, Union Springs, Ala.

B. P. Powell, Union Springs, Ala.

T. L. Stevens, Birmingham, Ala.

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M. E. Gillis, Eufala, Ala.

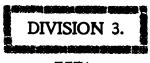
M. N. Eley, Union Springs, Ala.

H. L. Jennings, Clayton, Ala.

P. H. Alston, Clayton, Ala. G. W. Andrews, Clayton, Ala.

1901.

Erle Moody, Dothan, Ala. W. D. Hays, Tuscaloosa, Ala.



## ZETA.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, RICHMOND, KY.—V. I. WITHER-SPOON.

The end of the scholastic session finds Zeta in her usual condition. Although the number of active members is somewhat smaller than usual, yet this very fact serves to draw us all closer together and to strengthen the bonds of friendship. It is with sincere pleasure that I am able to say truthfully that our members have an enviable reputation for "sticking together."

Since Zeta's last letter, we have pledged one of the most desirable men in the Preparatory Department, Mr. Daniel T. Martin, of Glasgow, Ky. He is one of the best players on the base ball team, playing his position, short stop, with splendid ability. To say that he comes from Glasgow is in itself a recommendation for him, as Barren County has furnished us with Wm. L. Martin, deceased, (founder of Omicron Chapter,) Duff, Page, Alexander, and Summers, some of the best men Zeta ever had.

At the April Declamatory Contest, Bro. L. P. Evans, of last year's chapter, acted as Chairman, having won this contest last year.

Bro. Little has been selected as one of the representatives of the Philalethean Union in the Inter-Society Debate, which is to be held late in May. We have great hopes that he will win, his well known abilities as a debater, orator, and declaimer, justifying these expectations. Bro. Little will also speak on the Junior Oratorical Contest.

Bro. Logan is Secretary of the Philalethean Union. Bro. Venable is a Sargeant in the artillery company, of which Bro. Little is Captain. Bro. Pickles will ably represent Sigma Nu on class day as Prophet of the Senior Class.

We are favored with the presence of our beloved Bro. Woods at almost every meeting. His interest in Sigma Nu seems to grow as the years pass by. Although encumbered by the numerous cares of the positions of trust which he holds, he is ever ready to give us council and advice. In these days when faithlessness to covenant vows is the rule, and fidelity the exception, it is a beautiful lesson to us all to observe his devotion to his fraternity.

We can but pause to pay a tribute to the excellent article, "Remedial Legislation," by Walter J. Sears, in the March Delta. It is timely and to the point, and should be carefully read and thoughtfully considered by every member of Sigma Nu.

Zeta extends fraternal greetings to Gamma Beta and Beta Sigma and welcomes them into the fraternity.

LATER—On May 13 Bro. Little won the medal for the best debater in the Inter-Society Contest, one of the greatest honors of the year.

# SIGMA,

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN.—W. G. DIN-NING.

The fraternity has not been favored with a communication from Sigma since the October number of the Delta, but this has been due to the negligence of the reporter



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and not to any lack of interest on the part of the fraternity as a whole.

The efforts of Sigma have been crowned with great success this year. We have secured more than our share of the honors in reach and have acquitted ourselves with credit to our fraternity.

The policy of Sigma has been very conservative, and we have ever been unwilling to take a man until we have been thoroughly convinced that he is of the "proper stuff." Since our last communication we have found two whom we are glad to introduce to the members of the fraternity as being entirely worthy to be members of Sigma Nu.

These are Bros. Herbert Gantaway and Paul Mitchell. They are both leaders of their class, and are general favorites in the university. They belong to the class of 'or, and we are certainly glad to know that the responsibility of making Sigma what we hope and expect it to be in the future rests on shoulders that are capable of bearing the standard of Sigma Nu. They have entered into the whole fraternity life with a vigor that marks them as being true and loyal in every sense that those words may be used. We are all the more gratified with our new conquests because they had been "spiked" repeatedly by as many as three of the leading fraternities of the University.

During all this time our old men as well as our new brothers have been busy. Our inimitable Long Brothers win no small praise as orators. Bro "Short" Long was elected to contest for the position of representing Vanderbilt in the Southern Intercollegiate Oratorical Association, and although he did not win the position yet he acquitted himself nobly and was easily the second choice, while many of the faculty and students expressed their opinion that he should have been first. Bro. "Long" Long has been chosen to make an address before the Alumni Asso-

ciation of his alma mater, where he is sure to sustain his reputation as an orator.

So also in the academic course, Sigma's men are taking the first places. Of the two men of the junior class who won the Alpha Theta Phi-a mark of distinction given to those who excel in their classes-Bro. Howard was one, and he was made president of the association, as he was first in the class. Also Bros. Daily and Long lacked only a fraction of getting the same mark of distinction, and they will certainly get it next year. Bros. Haw, Straw and Rees were graduated with honor from the Medical Department. Bro. Straw was second in his class. There many are other honors which we have won. Bro. Long is one of the editors of the Comet, Vanderbilt's annual, and is Vice-President of his class, while our new Bro. Gannaway is President of the Vanderbilt Latin Club.

This will serve to show that Sigma is neither dead nor sleeping, but is full of enthusiasm for Sigma Nu and of love for all her sister chapters. We send greeting to them all and wish the brothers a happy vacation, not forgetting to emphasize our well wishes for our new chapters in Illinois and Vermont.



# BETA XI.

william jewell college, liberty, Mo.—c. E. RENDLEN.

The usual routine of college work is now in full sway and lessons and lectures claim the attention of all. Nothing unusual has occured since our last letter to The Delta to disturb the peaceful quiet of a spring term save an occasional ripple, the result of elections. As two of these

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concern Beta Xi, it may be well to mention them.

Bro. W. B. Rhoades has been elected Vice-President and Manager of Atheletic Association to succeed himself. During the past season Bro. Rhoades had charge of our eleven, which was the best that the college has ever had, while the prospects for a team for next season give promise of developing an eleven superior to the one this year. Bro. Rhoades has received a challenge from Nebraska University (champions of the West) for next season and a game will doubtless be arranged in the near future.

Sigma Nu had four men on the eleven. Shull (pledged) and Porter playing right and left half respectively, Shelton at Right Guard and Hancock as first substitute. For size and weight our team was not surpassed in the State.

Our base ball team has begun practice and Sigma Nu will again be represented on the diamond by Bros. Spencer and Burkhart.

Bro. J. R. Creel was recently elected to the June Presidency of the Excelcior Literary Society, the highest honor within the gift of the society. To say that our "worthy" will fill the office with becoming grace and dignity will not have to be told to those who know him. "Judge" represented his society in the annual intersociety debate, and, while he did not succeed in bringing off the gold, there were not wanting those who thought the decision could have been more justly bestowed.

The chapter has been visited by Bro. Jim Dawson, a charter member, now practicing dentistry in Kansas City, and Bro. C. Jack Steward of Kappa, now located in Kansas City. The writer has never met a truer or nobler brother than this Georgia Sig, whose enthusiasm for Sigma Nu is as boundless as the air he breathes. Jack has promised to be with us at our next meeting and we look forward to his coming with pleasant anticipation.

We wish to emphasize the sentiment expressed in Rho's last letter. We think that the fraternity should make an effort to enter the universities and large colleges of the Middle States, which are comparatively new and are not yet overcrowded. Let Sigma Nu be among the first to establish chapters in these new institutions, which are rapidly becoming the rivals of the eastern universities, and thus give our chapters an early beginning, obtaining a prestige with which all after chapters will have to contend. In our efforts to be conservative let us not forget that our very exclusiveness may cause our own decay.

To close without mentioning our loyal sisters in the "college on the other hill" would leave this letter incomplete, for in Liberty Ladies College Sigma Nu has eight as true and lovely sisters as ever graced our badge.

We are proud of our Northwestern chapters and from Bro. Woods' description feel sure that our new brothers are made of the material which constitutes a loyal Sigma Nu. In this number The Depth may we not learn more of our other and younger sister at Vermont?

Omaha we believe should be selected for the meeting of our next Grand Chapter. It is centrally located, rates will be greatly reduced, our extreme western chapters will be enabled to be represented, and it may occasion the establishment of a chapter in Nebraska University at Lincoln.

Our hands are extended to Gamma Beta and Beta Sigma. Long may they live.

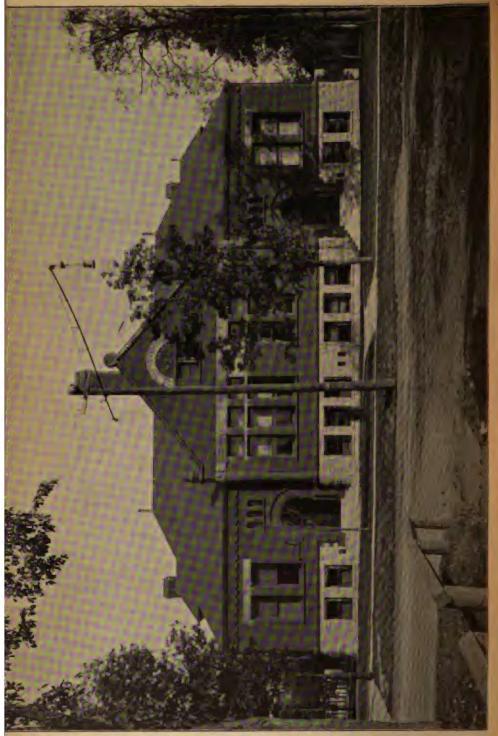
# BETA MU.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, IOWA CITY .-- C. R. HAYS.

For Beta Mu, the year 1897-98 may be recorded as a prosperous one. In our record we feel some slight pride. After losing twelve men, among them the last of our charter members, by graduation last year, the nine men re-

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turning in the fall began the work of building up the ranks. That they have builded well is most apparent. Since the opening of school thirteen candidates have received the goat, and one true brother has taken his second degree,—with some reluctance, we regret to state.

Conservative as Beta Mu has always been, she has been none the less so the past year. No man has been initiated until he has shown himself truly worthy of the honor and it remains yet to be proven that a mistake has, in a single instance, been made.

Since our last letter, the names of six true and loyal Sigs have been added to our roll. They are, R. J. Bannister who was much sought for, being one of the best men of the Freshman Class; C. L. Leigh, one of the most popular and best ranking men of this year's dental class; E. F. Sharp, one of the strongest men in the Senior Law Class and a member of Phi Delta Phi; W. F. Morrison, Collegiate, 'oo, son of one of Iowa City's prominent citizens, R. R. Rathbone, a member of the Mandolin Club, and R. T. Will, who, being possessed of a fine tenor voice, sings in the churches, and has bright prospects for a leading position upon the Glee Club next season.

Some of our Alumni, during the year, have favored us with visits. We take this opportunity to say that we wish they would come more frequently. Our inimitable Ed Smith spent a week with us during the fall on his way South to take charge of some engineering work in Mississippi. Eli Grimes made us a short visit last winter. Palmeter, Keeler, Jones and Kiser came to the banquet, a write up of which was given in the last Delta, and remained a few days to rest up afterward.

Socially, we have had several most pleasant parties in our hall which was elaborately decorated for the occasion. February 18th was the date of our annual banquet which was given at the St. James Hotel. Before the year is over we expect to have a picnic at the "Palisades," a delightful spot on the Cedar River, and to give a commencemeet party just before the closing of school.

The finals in the Pan Hellenic Whist Tournament, organized here last winter at the suggestion of Sigma Nu, resulted in a tie which is yet to be played off between Phi Delta Phi, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Nu. We are quite confident of victory and trust to receive the prize.

To enumerate the many honors that have come to the members of the chapter during the year would consume too much space and time; suffice it to say that in the military, athletic, literary, political, scholastic and social worlds we have certainly received our full share. Without any spirit of boastfulness it may safely be said that Sigma Nu is upon a sound and firm foundation and as near the front as any collegiate fraternity in the I. S. U.

Our good fortune, however, has not been entirely unalloyed. We have suffered several severe losses. Crary and Johnson did not come back after the fall term; in March we lost by graduation, H. P. Engle and C. L. Leigh. The former is practicing medicine with his brother at Newton, Iowa. The latter has opened dental parlors at Manchester, Ia. During the beginning of the present term Eberhart became sick, being compelled to go home, and has not yet been able to return.

After bringing the Junior Annual to a successful issue at the close of the winter term, W. S. Ankeney, much to the sorrow of the entire chapter and greatly to its loss, was compelled to leave school by the ill-health of his father. A truer Sig than Walter there never was, and much credit is due him for the work of this chapter. He is now at his home in DesMoines, where he has with him our sincere regards and best wishes for success.

By graduation this year we lose two brothers, T. W. Clingenberg ann E. F. Sharp "Tinny" has been one of

our most zealous workers in Sigma Nuism and his will be a hard place to refill. Sharp, tho' a comparatively new man in the fraternity, has shown himself a most worthy brother. E. E. Hobby, the oldest man now in the chapter, graduates from the collegiate department, but we hope to have with us during the medical course. We expect the remainder of our men will all return in the fall and the prospects for continued success next year are good.

The late call for volunteers took many from this University. No doubt the same may be said of all, at least the great majority of our educational institutions. In the impending crisis Sigma Nu has been weighed and not found wanting. Loyal to their fraternity as are the members of Sigma Nu, that loyalty has been shown to be surpassed only by their love of country. The local chapter has sent to the front as many as all the other S. U. I. collegiate fraternities combined. To the call five of our most beloved brothers responded. They are:

- E. E. Hobby, Company I, 2d Regiment Iowa National Guards.
- C. W. Startsman, Company I, 2d Regiment, Iowa National Guards.
  - R. J. Bannister, Iowa Artillery.
  - L. A. Benham, Iowa Artillery.
- F. H. Witt, Company C, 3d Regiment, Illinois National Guards.

The call for artillery from Iowa being cancelled, Bannister and Benham returned. Tho' failing to get to the front, they went with the same purpose, made the same sacrifices and have due them the honor of thoso who have been allowed to stay.

To Beta Mu it was a hard blow and she feels keenly the loss of those who are gone; yet she gives them up willingly, knowing they did not give up their places and prospects from over zeal or enthusiasm, but for higher motives. For this reason are we proud of them; knowing them as we do, and knowing of their work in their fraternity, we feel that in all the many ranks will be found no truer men, no nobler patriots than those who have just left us. Let those of us who remain at home endeavor to emulate their example in showing an increased loyalty to to our fraternity.

In closing, Beta Mu now wishes her new brothers in Illinois and Vermont a most pleasant and prosperous relationship with Sigma Nu.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

J. R. Allin, 'or, Iowa City, Ia.

R. J. Bannister. '01, Ottumwa, Ia.

L. A. Benham, '99, Shelby Ia.

E. J. Consigny, '00, Avoca, Ia,

R. H. Dean, '99, Muscatine, Ia.

W. V. Eberhart, '01, Newton, Ia.

E. E. Hobby '98, Iowa City, Ia.

C. C. Hetzel, 'oo, Avoca, Ia.

C. R. Hayes, '99, Norfalk, Neb.

T. W. Klingenberg, '98, Dubuque, Ia.

L. P. Lee, '99, Iowa City, Ia.

W. F. Morrison, '00, Iowa City, Ia.

R. R. Rathbone, 'oo, Red Oak, Ia.

E. F. Sharp, '98, Dexter, Ia.

C. W. Startsman, '99, Iowa City, Ia.

R. T. Will, 'oo, Glenwood, Ia.

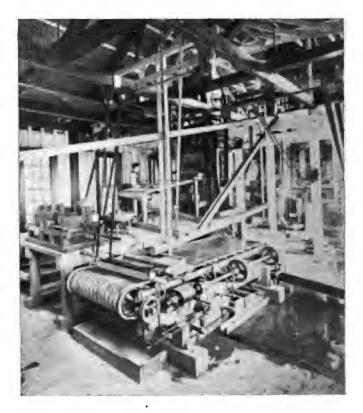
F. H. Witt, '99, Ottawa, Ill.



BETA MU, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.







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PI.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA.—E. PER-CIVAL JUMP.

Nothing of note has happened in Pi's history since the writing of the last chapter letter. No new men have been initiated. But although we have not moved forward, we have fully succeeded in holding our own.

Bro. Chasmar, '97, ex-Inspector of this Division, spent a week with us during February and he expresses himself as greatly pleased with our condition and prospects.

Bro. Gearhart represents us in base ball and Bro. Martin in Lacrosse.

Bro. Laubenstein has been chosen a member of the glee club.

Welcome to our new chapters.

CHAPTER ROLL.

John T. Callagham, Jr., President.
Russell M. Clark, Bradford, Pa.
Frank B. Gearhart, Altoona, Pa.
E. Percival Jump, Easton, Md.
John J. Nolan, Carbondale, Pa.
Frederick H. Groff, Rome, N. Y.
W. Thomas McCarthy, Rome, N. Y.

Joseph P. Martin, Plymouth, Pa. A. Raymond Laubenstein, Ashland, Pa.

# BETA SIGMA.

University of vermont, Burlington—w. c. Perry.

We are drawing near the close of our year, and the

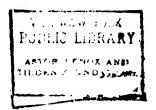
seniors of Beta Sigma regret that they have to leave the field so soon after having been initiated, but our consolation is that we shall never get outside of the Grand Chapter. Beta Sigma chapter is strong in numbers and enthusiasm. As a local society (Alpha Phi), we held our own and made others hold their breath, and now we feel much stronger as brothers of Sigma Nu. Next fall we are going to have good men and the men we want. Bro. J. T. Seaver had an accident while down at the station to see the troops off for Chickamauga. An electric arc lamp fell and struck him, breaking his collar bone. He is now improving rapidly.

We have had two men on the glee club this year, and two are on the Kingly prize speaking, which comes in June. One has a part in the Class Day exercises; one was recently elected editor-in-chief of the college paper, and another is Sophomore class president.

We are on good terms with the other trats, and see nothing ahead to hinder a long and prosperous existence in our university.

# CHAPTER ROLL.

	1898.
L. W. Barton,	L. W. English,
W. C. Perry,	C. E. Canfield,
E. N. Lovewell,	D. H. Udall,
D. C. Wedgeworth.	
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J. Hawley Aiken,	J. H. Brackett,
W. C. Sawyer,	L. P. St. Cyr,
A. S. Bean,	J. M. Downer,
C. M. Sturgess,	W. B. Williams.
_	1901.
W. E. Aiken,	C. B. Griswold,





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C. A. Dodge, James Tyndall. J. E. Seaver,



## ETA.

MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON, GA.--j. CLAUDE SALES.

We have just received the last issue of the Delta. It is a thing of beauty, and should be a joy to the heart of every Sig.

The most interesting and unique entertainment Mercer has given this year was the contest for the ready speaker's medal on the 18th of March. The subject, "Will the United States Become the Greatest of Nations?" was given to each speaker ten minutes before he came upon the stage, when he was allowed ten minutes to speak. Bros. Jester, George and Jolly were among the number who contested. We are proud to relate that a Sig was, as usual, victorious. The medal was awarded to Bro. Jester. His speech was superb! Bros. George and Jolly made very fine speeches.

We have recently been honored by a visit from Bro. Kemp. It is an inspiration to meet with such an enthusiastic and loyal Bro. as he. He has the interest of our fraternity at heart, and does not hesitate to do anything within his power to promote her cause. May he live long to continue the good work.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

K. R. Bobbitt,	P. H. Ray,
Z. W. Copeland,	T. C. Kendrick,
W. F. George,	J. E. Sammons,
J. R. Jester,	Henry Simpson,
A. J. Moncrief,	George Simpson

O. I. Moncrief,

S. E. Stephens,

A. G. Overton, J. Claude Sales,

J. E. Paullin, Jr.

Here's to our new Northern chapters. May they live long and come South often, particularly to Atlanta, to the next Grand Chapter, July 22.

## KAPPA.

NORTH GEORGIA A. & M. COLLEGE, DAHLONEGA, GA .-- s. A. HARRIS.

Since our last letter, we have taken in no new men, but are thinking of taking in one soon.

The promotion in the battalion for the spring term have been announced and the Sigs certainly received their share of honor.

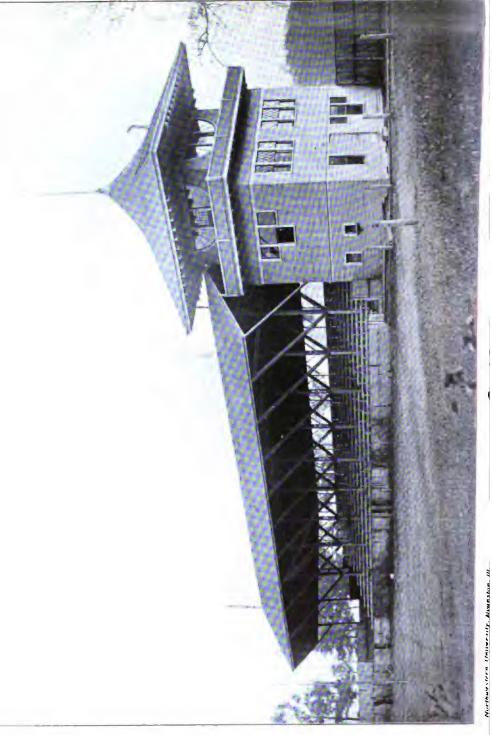
Bro. S. A. Harris was promoted to Captain Company A, Bro. W. M. Smith to First Lieutenant Company B, Bro. H. L. Peacock to second Lieutenant Company A, Bro. I. O. Parker to First Sergeant Company A, Bro. T. L. Patterson, to Third Sergeant Company A.

These promotions speak well for old Kappa, and show that she has the very best men in college.

We must not fail to mention our success in the literary societies. In the Decora, Bro. Smith was selected as declaimer for the spring term open debate, also as a debater for the spring term public debate; Bros. Gaillard, Parks and Harris were selected as open debaters; Bros. Gaillard and Peacock were elected as champion debaters. In the Phi Mu Society Bro. Price is the spring term debater, while Bro. Parker is saluttaorian of the same,

In the recent contest for speakers places at commencement the Sigs were completely victorious. Every man in Kappa received a place. Bros. Price, Parks and Gaillard were selected from Junior class; Bros. Peacock and Smith THE NEW YORK
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from the Sopomore; Bros. Harris and Patterson from Freshman; and Bro. Parker from Sub Fresh.

Bro. Parker has also been selected by the Phi Mu Society to deliver an address on Memorial Day. From the above, one can readily see that the Sigs are in the front rank in every place of honor.

Kappa has lost a staunch Brother by the appointment of Bro. N. C. Napier to West Point. During his stay in Dahlonega, Bro. Napier made a host of friends who wish him well, and who regret to lose him.

Kappa sends greetings to her new sisters, Gamma Beta and Beta Sigma, hoping to have the pleasure of meeting their delegates at Atlanta, July 22.

## XI.

EMORY COLLEGE, OXFORD, GA.-JAMES B. HOYL.

Emory College is now experiencing her most prosperous year. The spring term enrollment adds more matriculates than ever before in her history. The chair of Latin, formerly held by John S. Moore, D. D., is being filled by Prof. Andrew Sledd, A. M., of Virginia. A lecture course has been established on the "Quillian foundation" for the benefit of the student body. Bishop Charles B. Galloway, of Mississippi, delivered the initiative series in March to the pleasure and benefit of all, and hence forward Emory will be blessed with like lectures annually from some capable and notable person.

All of our brothers returned to college after having spent a most pleasant holiday season at their respective homes. Of the new students entering college, we brought the "goat" into play to have a round with three. And it is with pleasure we introduce to you as loyal members of Sigma Nu, Brothers S. R. Bridges, Ellaville, Ga.; L. A. Bowen, White House, Ga.; Joe W. Lamar, Hawkinsville, Ga. We are glad to welcome among our number

again Bro. Comer M. Woodward, who returns to college after having served a term as a pedagogue in North Alabama.

Xi now flourishes with twenty-two active members, and the chapter is in fine condition. We have paid up all back indebtedness, stand with a clear, clean showing, and we hope to remain so heretofore.

The speakers have been announced for commencement in the junior classs. These places are awarded according to class standing, and out of a class of forty-five men, our two Sigma Nus, Bros. Mann and Odum, were both given places. Bro. Mann came out successful in the champion debate election, and will appear on the stage also as one of the three representatives from Phi Gamma Society. Bro. J. A. Mershon has been selected as Spring term debater from Few Society, and will ably represent the interest of his society: "We will have a representative from senior class at commencement in the person of H. M. Wade. Speaking for under class men places will soon take place, and we expect to secure some places on declamation too.

A few Sundays since, we all went over in a body to the First Baptist Church at Covington to hear Bro. Walker, Eta, '92, preach, and listened attentively to an able and instructive discourse. We also enjoyed having Bro. Walker meet with us during the month, and hope to have him with us often.

Bro. W. L Kemp, Division Inspector of Division No. VI, has been down to see us. It is always a pleasure to us to have him with us. It is an inspiration to us to note the earnest efforts he is free to expend in all that pertains to Sigma Nu's advancement and progress.

Bro. J. B. Davenport, Jr., of Augusta, Xi, ex'90, paid us a visit at the beginning of the term. Joe is a true, loyal Sig, and we wish he could make his visits more fre-

quent.

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We note the picture of Bro. Thomas C. Hoyl among "A Few of the Faithful" in the March issue of THE DELTA as a member from Mu, '96. Xi claims him.

We are a long way from our new chapters in the North, but here are our hands and hearts.

#### GAMMA ALPHA.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY, ATLANTA.—S. A. BUL-LOCH.

Since the last letter from Gamma Alpha appeared, nothing of great importance has occurred in her midst except the loss of some of her most loyal members. Hard work has been the regular order of business with us for the past few months, and as the term is nearing its close now, the same order will be pursued till the final "exams" are over.

We have suffered the loss of some of our best men since our last letter: Bro. A. J. Robertson, of the Senior class, has departed from among us and taken up his abode in Visalia, Cal. Bro. Chas. A. Rudolph, also of the Senior class, left college a few months past. He has just finished a complete business course in Atlanta, and has been offered a Professorship in a business College in Texas. Bros. Killain and Waller, of the Junior Class, both of whom were enthusistic Sigs, have left college also. The loss of these four men has been a heavy blow to Gamma Alpha, but with the faithful ones left, and the interests of Sigma Nu at heart, we will set out with renewed energies.

Bro. Crawford and your humble servant spent a most delightful time with our brothers at Mu on the 29th and 30th of April. We went with the track team from the Tech. to the University of Georgia. Although our team was defeated, we made a very creditable showing, winning some first places and several second places. It afforded us great pleasure to meet with such a fine set of young

men as Mu has this year. We find them all enthusiastic and energetic Sig workers.

Bro. Henley is playing first base on our base ball team this year, is playing fine ball and is quite popular with the boys.

Bro. Crawford has been elected one of the leading debaters for the annual debate of the Phi Eta Sigma Literary society, which oscurs on June 22d.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

C. M. Binford,	Weldon Henley,
J. R. Binford,	Will T. Hines,
S. A. Bullock,	James Markley,
Mac Hardwick,	H. L. Rudolph,
J. C. Crawford,	Frank Wright.

# Division 7.

#### BETA IOTA.

MT. UNION COLLEGE, ALLIANCE, OHIO-RALPH M. BROWN.

Beta Iota is today in the most prosperous period she has yet experienced, and it may be truthfully said can hold her own with any fraternity in this school. In class work our boys are second to none, in athletics we are holding our usual high place, and our banquets and socials have received no little favorable notice from the other fraternities.

We lose but one man with the class of '98, Bro. H. E. Weaver. He is a genuine loss. A man who has proved his love for the "frat" time and again and whose counsel has served it many times.

Since our last report we have initiated two very fine men, Charles W. Reninger, of Youngstown, and William E. Slasor, of Fairview, and have pledged Bion W. En-





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sign, of Alliance, and Perry D. Caldwell, of Carrollton, Ohio.

We believe that each of these men will be an honor to himself, to the "frat," and to the college. At our division meet this year with Beta Eta, Beta Iota was represented by S. Grant Miller and George H. Smith. At the last meeting of the athletic association, Bro. W. E. Wilkins was chosen a member of the athletic board. Beta Iota wishes Gamma Beta and Beta Sigma long life and much happiness, and hopes they will enjoy, as we do, our ties in Sigma Nu.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

C. J. Bowman,	W. E. Wilkins,
W. C. Heacock,	C. W. Reninger,
F. A. Ormsby,	R. D. Saigeon,
C. A. Oesch,	C. L. Bowland,
G. H. Smith,	W. E. Slasor,
A. H. Denbrock,	W. E. Myers,
D. M. Armstrong,	H. E. Weaver,
J. M. McFarland,	W. F. Atterholt,
T. B. Fletcher,	E. W. Butler,
W. H. Rice,	A. H. Wilson,
R. M. Brown,	P. D. Caldwell (pledge),
B. W. Ensign (pled	

#### BETA ETA.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, IND .- W. T. KNOX.

The enrollment this term has passed the thousand mark, and every Indiana student feels justly proud of the rapid growth of his favorite university. Beta Eta has not been lagging, but has tried hard to keep pace with the other advancements of the University.

Four initiates have been added to the roll since our last letter was written. We take great pleasure in pre-

senting Bros. Arthur Murray, Frank Aydelotte, George Selby to the fraternity circle.

We can pay these workers no greater honor, nor give you a better description of them than to say they are typical Sigma Nu's, full of enthusiasm, and desiring to see her cause prosper. This swells our chapter-roll to sixteen, and one pledged man.

Bro. Mays and Bro. Thomas did not return this term. Bro Mays has begun the practice of law at Anderson, Ind.

Bros. Starbuck and Gause, of last year's chapter, have returned. Bro. Gause is a pitcher of some note, and was welcomed with open arms by all base ball enthusiasts. He will be the leading man in the box for the I. U. this year.

Beta Eta has shared in most of the college honors this year. She has representatives everywhere. Bro. Holman is a member of the Arbiter's Board and Student Committee. As a debater he has few equals in the University. He was one of the winners in the debate with the University of Indianapolis.

Bro. McDermont is one of the associate editors of "The Student." Bro. Stinchfield, one on the foot ball team, is practicing for the long run.

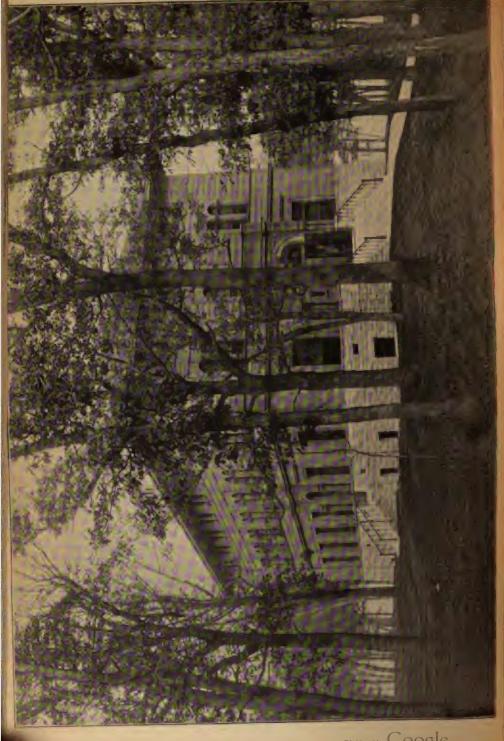
Beta Eta is in a better condition than ever before, and we feel proud of what we have done for Sigma Nu this year. We have initiated two of the most desirable men that have entered this term, holding our own with the other fraternities in a most flattering manner. We entertain at our chapter house every two or three weeks, and have a good social standing. We have purchased a new Fisher piano for our parlors.

Here's a hearty welcome to Northwestern and Vermont. Lake Michigan and Lake Champlain are now joined by rivers of blood warmed by the love of Sigma Nu.

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Guy Stinchfield, Frank Aydelotte,
Robert Ellison, George Selby,
Thomas Davis, Adelena Starbuck,
Arthur Murray, Frank Gause,

Clarence Fryer, Fred Hughes (pledged)
George Curis Freet Reed

George Curtis, Ernest Reed, Welzy Murphy, W. T. Knox.

Frank Krauskoff,

#### BETA NU.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO-G. A. ROBBINS.

The five pointed star is very much in evidence in the college life of the Ohio State University. Though Beta Nu is small in number, owing to her conservative policy, it is strong in every line of college life and loyally enthusiastic for the success and honor of dear old Sigma Nu.

Beta Nu recently gave a banquet in honor of our "Chapter Dad," Walter J. Sears, at the Park Hall and every alumnus and active member was present. Brother Ed Wertz was toast master and the feast abounded in good things, not only in the oratory line but in the line of enthusiasm and stirring words, which were uttered for Sigma Nu. The banquet lasted until the "wee, small hours," and after a Sigma Nu song, the feast ended and the twenty-four men seated around the festive board went out into the busy world with renewed loyalty to the black, white and gold.

Kappa Alpha Theta gave one of the swellest affairs of the college year February 18, and every Sigma Nu of the active chapter was present and also part of the alumni. We had more representatives than any other fraternity in college. So it is plain to see that Beta Nu is not lacking in the social line.

As for athletes the Sigma Nu fraternity possesses the best track men in college. Last field day it won more

points than any other fraternity. This year with hard training they expect to do the same, although Bro. Beatty will not be with us on account of withdrawal from school, caused by sickness.

Bros. Robbins, Crawford and Leonard will represent Sigma Nu in the next field day. Bros. Voegele, Leonard and Roebuck will try for the ball team.

Beta Nu Chapter is making extensive preparations for giving one of the swellest dances of the college year during the latter part of April. Beta Nu is in a flourishing condition, both socially and financially and she is even now looking after some excellent material which will enter college next year. The alumni chapter gives its hearty support and co-operation when anything, which is for the interest of Sigma Nu, is given.

Beta Nu sends her greetings to the new brothers at Northwestern and Vermont, whom we are glad to welcome under the folds of the black, white and gold.

LATER—In the local O. S. U. Field Day held May 21st, Bro. Robbins, who now holds the State Intercollegiate record for 100-yard dash, time 10 2-5, again demonstrated his ability as a sprinter by winning 100-yard dash easily in 10 2-5 and 220-yard dash in 24 2-5 seconds against a field of fast men. Brother Robbins will represent the Ohio University in the dashes again this year at the Intercollegiate meet at Dayton, May 28th. Everson Powell, pledged member won second in 440-yard dash.

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

H. N. Heywood,	C. F. Roebuck,
C. E. Beatty,	J. L. Brown,
G. A. Robbins,	W. H. Crawford,
G. G. Foster,	W. T. Leonard,
E. S. Wertz,	W. T. Voegele.

#### BETA UPSILON.

ROSE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE, TERRE HAUTE, IND.—F. J. JUMPER.

Since Beta Uptilon's last letter appeared in the Delta, little of interest, either in the college or fraternity has taken place, but in all the college affairs Signu Nu has been in the front.

Bro. Likert represents the "frat" on the base ball team; Bros. Stone, Froehlich, Smyth, and Jumper on the track team, of which Bro. Jumper is captain and manager.

Bros. Richardson, and Appleton are President and Superintendent respectively, of the "Poly Telegraph Line."

All the men stood well in the late exams, and are showing greater interest in the fraternity.

We have enjoyed several visits within the last few months from brothers of Beta Eta and Beta Beta.

We extend greetings to Northwestern and Vermont.

LATER—T. Dwight Witherspoon re-elected Editor-in-Chief of the "Technic."

#### CHAPTER ROLL.

Geo. H. Likert, T. Dwight Witherspoon,

H. S. Richardson, Max Hammell,

Will Appleton, A. P. Stone,

C. B. Smyth, Fred H. Froehlich,

Frank J. Jumper

## GAMMA BETA.

NOTRHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL.—H. T. PARSONS, SIGMA NU HOUSE, 2146 SHERMAN AVE.

Gamma Beta is proud of the warm reception and cordial greeting with which Gamma Delta Sigma was received into the folds of Sigma Nu. We are especially indebted to the members of Sigma Nu for their kindness and for the efforts which they put forth to make the initiation—aside from the fun—dignified and impressive. The remembrance of this initiation will have a tender influence as long as earth remains dear to us.

Gamma Beta is already classed as one of the three best "frats" at Northwestern.

Since the last issue of the Delta some of our men have been especially conspicuous in college affairs. Bro. Nesmith won first place in the preliminary for the Northwestern Oratorical League contest. He will then meet, in contest, representatives from the University of Michigan, the University of Chicago, the University of Wisconsin, and Oberlin College. This contest has excited unusual interest at Northwestern this year, owing to the fact that the final contest will take place in Evanston.

Bros. John and G. H. Wilkinson had the honor of playing a cornet duet for John G. Wooley, the great temperance lecturer. Bro. Schneider has been elected to take a leading part in the annual German play of the Deutsche Gesellschaft. Bros. Moody and Willis were victorious in the Inter-Society Hindman-Adelphic Debate. They will now meet in final debate the Rogers' Debating Club.

Last, but not least, Bro. Tilroe is the pride of the "frat." His success as a bass soloist is fully established. Tilroe is the bass soloist for the spring concert of the Chicago-Ravenswood Musical Club, given April 21. At the opening of the baseball season Tilroe, president of the class, was elected captain of the Sophomore base ball team.

We have organized a fraternity base ball team and anticipate some lively and interesting games with the other fraternities.

Paul Spencer and W. H. Templin, of Beta Beta, have honored us with a visit. We were pleased to have

them with us and to learn more of Sigma Nu men.

We were fortunate in pledging Mr. Robert Elmwood, '02. He comes from an excellent family. His brother a N. W. U. graduate, took everything in sight.

LATER—Brother Nesmith, N. W. U.'s representative in the N. W. Oratorical League, received second prize, \$50.

George T. Nesmith elected Editor-in-Chief of the "Northwestern."

#### BETA BETA.

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IND .-- C. H. SMITH.

In many respects the past year has been a pleasant one with us. We are fifteen strong, all loyal Sigs. We hope to end the year without a cent's indebtedness, after enjoying the privileges of one of the coziest chapter houses in the State. We lately enjoyed a visit from our beloved Inspector Junk, and Bros. Cook and Goodwin, the latter the excellent delegate of the N. W. chapter, an earnest, upright, cultivated gentleman whom we welcomed to our circle. Sigma Nu is all right at Beta Beta.

## **BETA ZETA**

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, LAFAYETTE, IND .-- E. SILK.

We are pleased with our position at Purdue and that means that Beta Zeta is up to her standard.

LITERARY—On the Debris we are represented by Bro. Byrns, editor-in-chief, Bro. A. A. Parker, assistant.

ORATORY—On the list of commencement speakers we notice the names of two Sigma Nus, while none of the other frats are given a place of honor.

ATHLETICS—On the foot ball team we have two men: W. S. Moore, captain, and Lee Johnson, who plays a fine end.

MILITARY—In the cadet corps we have one Captain,

one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, one Corporal, and Bro. Parker ranks as Quartermaster.

Honorary—The "13 Club," a local inter-frat organization has enrolled six of our men. In the Engineering Society, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Nu is represented by three members as against only one amongst all the other frats. Thus our standard in scholarship is maintained as well as in other functions of college life.

We attribute our success to our steady aim to keep our standard high, as we believe that only in so doing can we expect to achieve the highest ideals of fraternity life.

We have at present an active membership of 21 and one "spike," and are able to report a united and loyal chapter, ever willing to serve our brothers as best we can.

We lately welcomed to our midst Bro. Geo. Goodwin of our new Northwestern chapter. With him we were perfectly delighted and feel added reason for welcoming our new sister chapter into the ranks of Sigma Nu.



#### BETA CHI.

LELAND STANDFORD UNIVERSITY, STANFORD, CAL.
I. J. EAGAN.

I presume that you have received before this a full account of the convention and banquet held in San Francisco on March 5th. It was a day and night not likely to be forgotten by those of us who had the good fortune to be there.

Closely following our convention and banquet comes our "Frat Dance" which is scheduled for April 15th, and we take pleasure in sending you one of the invitations to let you see how we do things out here. Our dances are

always very successful, the admirable way in which our house is laid out contributing much to the enjoyment of the dancers. One hundred invitations have been sent out and our lady friends of San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose will be here en masse, together with our friends of the Greek world here in college.

The Delta came to hand several days ago and it is with much pleasure that we read the account of the installation of Gamma Beta. We had a letter from Brother Olp some time ago expressive of good feeling and thanking us for our letter of congratulation. This ought to be, one of our banner chapters, starting off as it did in so auspicious a manner. The installation of the chapter at the University of Vermont is also extremely gratifying to us who wish to see Sigma Nu extended along conservative lines, in old and well established institutions, such as those in the North and East. May the good work go on!

Apropos of these ideas we are glad to note the expressions concerning extension as set forth by Brother A. C. Bush, of Rho, and might also repeat his question: "Why can we not have a chapter at Minnesota and in Nebraska?" The policy of extension was one of the leading subjects discussed at our convention, and trusting that the suggestions there set forth may be carried out, we need say no more concerning them.

"Frat Notes" is a good innovation in the Delta, keeping us posted in a general way on the doings of other fraternities. In these notes we notice the withdrawal of the Stanford chapter's charter of Alpha Tau Omega. This makes the third chapter to be withdrawn at this institution during the last two years, but Sigma Nu still flourishes while the "Blackfeet" and others have died a natural death. It is truly a case of the survival of the fittest.

We are, at this writing, unable to give our vote or opinion as to the next place for the Grand Chapter

owing to the fact that the Easter vacation is now in progress, and many of the boys have left for their homes. We would of course like to see the convention called to order in San Francisco, but we know this is not practical, however much we would like it, and if we can compromise by having a representative at the next Grand Chapter we will feel that we have more than done our duty. (Right you are, brother.—C. E. W.)

Fraternity circles at Stanford at the present time are very quiet. Two of the fraternities here, the Kappa Alpha and the Phi Kappa Psis, are having, or rather intend ing, new houses built. The fraternities at Stanford are to be much commended, I think, for the interest and activity shown tn the matter of building chapter houses, and I wish that some of our sister chapters could take pattern thereby. Some fraternities here having but a small membership and but few alumni have succeeded in having tolerably good houses built for their accommodation. were the pioneers in this respect at Stanford, and since then Delta Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta and Chi Psi have had houses built to suit their ideas and it is needless to say that the acquisition of a chapter house does much to establish the reputation and gain a prestige for a fraternity. Along this line we note with pleasure the move started by Rho for the purchase of her present home.

Affairs in the chapter have been at a standstill since the writing of our last letter, there being nothing "doin" but the preparation for the convention and banquet and now for the dance. Since our last writing we lost Bro. Henderson, our latest initiate, by reason of an accident which happened to him while traveling on a railroad train. He will return in September, however, and lend fuel to the kindled energies of our men during the "rushing season.

The chapters at Washington and Lee, Tulane and Lehigh presented our chapter with beautiful college pennants which now adorn our chief room. We had addressed letters to our chapters at other institutions, but received no response from them. If any of the chapters will send us their college flag we will be pleased to reciprocate, if this fad of decorating chapter house rooms should strike them.

Greetings to our new chapters in the East.

#### GAMMA CHI.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—GUY H. ROB-ERTSON.

As Bro. McManus is temporarily absent from the college, we have at present four members, McGlynn, Lindsay, Coffman and Robertson. Four new men was taken in at the annual banquet and initiation on the 15th of May. All are good men and will help bring the frat to the front.

- L. O. Veser, a junior in the electrical engineering department, is acting track captain during the absence of Bro. McManus, Vice President of Athletic Association, has a good record in the 100 yds and 220, and bids fair to make matters warm in the 440. He is a fine fellow and liked by all the students.
- J. T. Gottestein, a junior in the department of Latin, while holding no positions in the University, is looked upon as one of the standbys of the institution, and can be depended upon as a hustler and a fine fellow in every particular.
- \* C. A. Fowler, a Junior in the department of English, color sergeant of the battalion of cadets, and although quiet and unassuming he exercises quite an influence in the University.
  - W. F. Morrison, a sophomore, president of his class,

member of track team and adjutant of the batallion of cadets, is one of the foremost men in the institution.

The members of the new chapter feel well satisfied with these new additions and know that we have obtained men who are foremost in the University and are men of influence and respect in the college. We have no doubt that by the addition to the chapter of a class of men who are representative and unquestionably "comers" that the "frat" will be considerably increased in this territory.

Bro. Clemans drops down from the quiet burg of Snohomish quite frequently and makes matters interesting.

At the banquet in May we mace an effort to get all loyal Sigs in the Northwest together and had a royal good time.

We are away off in the extreme Northwest corner of the U. S. but we reach across in fraternal greetings to our far-away new sister on the east, Beta Sigma, and to our nearer sister, Gamma Beta. May you both be very successful in your efforts to push Sigma Nu to the front.

# Personal.

Callaghan—Inspector Callaghan, of the fifth division, is doing great work for Sigma Nu in the most difficult field—the east. He deserves the encouragement of all those interested in extension in that direction, and we urge such brothers to post Bro. Callagham concerning matters of importance bearing upon the difficult task he has before him. His address is J. T. Callaghan, Jr., 123 South High street, Bethlehem, Pa.

Beta Zeta—Paul Brownlee, Jack Byard and A. A. Parker are with the State Militia at Indianapolis.

Krauskoff,—Charles C. Krauskoff, Beta Eta, Richmond, Ind., is ttending Chicago University.

Beck-Frank O. Beck, Beta Eta, is preaching at New Albany, Indiana.

BETA UPSILON—August Meyer is at Camden, Ark.; Ed Walser is in Denver; J. B. Haney is at Toledo; J. J. Kessler, Jr., and M. C. Bypinski are with the General Electrical Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

CULVER—F. L. Culver, Mu, this year with Phi, has done the chapter much good, from reports received at this office.

COOKE—John Royall Cooke, Zeta '91, on account of ill health, has returned to farming at Marganna, Culpepper county, Va.

PAGE—Joe F. Page, Omicron and Zeta, is at 516 Myrtle ave., El Paso. Texas.

Beta Chi—The swellest invitation received from any chapter is that to a dance of Beta Chi, Stanford University, California. It is handsomely engraved with the addition of an original design of the badge embossed above the engraving.

JUNK—Harry P. Junk was Secretary of the City Republican Executive Committee of Columbus, O., during the late cumpaign.

DUNLOP—Dane S. Dunlop, B. B., has changed his address to Box 583, Rossland, British Columbia.

TEMPLIN—W. H. Templin, an old Beta, Beta member, is teaching at Kentland, Indiana. He expresses much interest in our new chapter at Northwestern.

Beta Sigma-Knox—After paying for a catalogue and The Delta for three years, Bro. Lewis T. Knox writes thus from his law offices, 31 Nassau street, New York, concerning the installation of our Vermont chapter: "Besides passing a very pleasant evening, we were all benefited by the loyal expressions of those present. If the members of Beta Alpha could have attended such a meeting the Yale chapter would have made itself felt, for we needed the encouragement and sympathy to nourish us. At our meeting here last Saturday night Bros. French and Langton did wonders, and from now on the usual dinner will be a fixture. There were twenty men present, and five others who were expected being unavoidably detained. I think that our new brother, W. C. Perry, will render a good account of himself and that Beta Sigma will be safe in his hands."

Pernett.—Samuel J. Pernett, B. E. '94, is a student of the Border Institute.

JONES—W. A. Jones, Beta Eta, is at Florida, Ind. He and George Cook were the "small boys" at the recent Seventh Division Convention.

STEVENSON—C. S. Stephenson, or as catalogue has it, Basil Dorsey Stephenson, B. B. '94, recently headed a reform movement against saloons in Topeka, Kan.

Bennett.—P. R. Bennett, Past Regent, is on the Chicago Inter-Ocean, so we learn May 14, and forward to him package from W. A. Conant. FAULKNER-Earl Faulkner, Beta Eta, is at Ann Arbor.

WESTFALL—James Westfall, B. E., is at Poseyville, Ind. He is well remembered for a fine speech made in '97 at the Seventh Division Convention at Columbus, O.

Scoville—Rev. Virgil P. Scoville, Xi, the youngest preacher in the South Carolina Conference, is but eighteen years of age. Notwithstanding the fact that he lacks three years yet of having attained his majority, Rev. Scoville is a success already as an expounder of the gospel.

A revival which he has recently conducted at East Highlands Methodist church in Columbus, Ga., was greeted with very encouraging results, there being in the neighborhood of fifty accessions to the church. Crowds flocked to hear him daily throughout the services. The young minister has an earnest, direct way of preaching that seems to reach the hearts of his hearers.

Rev. Scoville's home is at Fort Valley, G.s. He entered the junior class at Emory College in September, 1895. He recalls that one remark that Dr. Caudler made on that occasion greatly impressed him. It was that only one boy in 500 in Georgia got to go to college. Young Scoville began to wonder why, out of such a large number he should be among those selected. He was converted and called to preach at a religious service in October, 1895. Later he had to quit college. as his eyes troubled him. He preached his first sermon in August, 1896, at Wintersville, Ga., near Athens. He was then but seventeen years of age. The first revival he conducted was at Hebron church, in Crawford county. By this time the young minister was beginning to attract attention in the South Georgia Conference. Last November Rev. Scoville came to conduct a series of revival services at the Rose Hill Methodist church in this city. It turned out to be one of the most profitable meetings in the history of the Rose Hill church.—Atlanta Constitution, April 18.

RANDALL—J. Hope Randall, Upsilon, is practicing law at Denison. ARNOLD—J. H. Arnold, of Gainsville, Texas, who has been County Attorney for some time, is now a candidate for District Attorney.

LEE—Brownlow F. Lee, of Temple, Texas, is quite a successful lawyer. Though Bro. Lee has been out of college many years, he is still an enthusiastic Sig.

MOORE—Bro. J. W. Moore, of LaGrange, Texas, is First Lieutenant of the LaGrange Guards. He is now with his company at Camp Mabry, where the Texas troops are mobilizing.

DAVIS—R. I. Davis has enlisted in the Governor's Guards, of Texas, and is now at Camp Mabry preparatory to the departure of the Texas troops for Cuba.

RALSTON-W. W. Ralston, who lately entered the U.S. N., is now

chief medical officer on board the Mangrove. It is probable Bro. Ralston will see some lively times in the near future.

SCOTT-Berry Scott, of Beta Theta, is at Gainsville, Texas.

SPENCER—John T. Spencer, one of the defenders of the Sigma Nu Cup '95, and the fleetest runner who has attended the University of Texas, is practicing law at Waxahachie.

BLOUNT--Dr. E. A. Blount has lately published a very charming little volume of poems. In this volume is found the poem that he read at the St. Louis Grand Chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity in 1892.

SHELLEY—F. W. Shelley, of the Governor's Guard of Austin, is with his company at Camp Mabry awaiting orders.

SHAW—H. A. Shaw, Santa Anna, Texas, has our thanks for a batch of personals about Texas boys. He also sends us the constitution of the Texas association printed in this issue. It meets again in June and we hope to have a picture of the delegates in the next Delta. Shaw lately met King, Miller and Lee, who promised to attend the alumni banquet.

WARREN-Levin Warren, B. Z. '91, is a merchant at Milton, Ind.

BALDWIN-W. G. Baldwin, B. I., is a lawyer at Warren, O.

BARRON-Barron, B. I, is a minister at Pittsburg, Pa.

Nicholson—Lee Nicholson, B. I., has charge of a church at Florence, Pa.

ORIN-J. V. Orin, B. I., is in charge of a church at Mantua, O.

DWELLE—E. K. Dwelle, Beta Mu, is at 2446 Prairie ave., Chicago. Like a good boy he sends \$1 for The Delta.

Dawes.—Writing from 3 University Place, New York, H. M. Dawes, Rho, says: "The annual dinner on March 5 was a great success. I tell you it makes a fellow feel good to know that his fraternity life does not end with his college days. It is a "joy forever."

JEFFCOAT—J. G. Jeffcoat, a charter member of Xi, is in far-away Wildwood, Florida, and sends \$2 to The Delta. He was delegate to the Lexington convention in '85 and is perfectly remembered, form and features. He promises a letter for the next Delta.

ROBERTSON—Our standby, W. Alexander Robertson, writes: "The chapter has taken on a sort of boom since our last letter, and the men are in better spirits. Next year I hope for a vigorous financial administration, as well as a good chapter. We have two Sigma Nu Captains out at the fair grounds, where the regulars and volunteers are encamped: Capt. Frank P. Stubbs and Capt. Wood Lee, both old Baton Rouge men."

FURMAN—W. Alex Robertson writes from New Orleans; "Bro. Henry M. Furman, I understand, has passed the best examination for qualification as officers in Hood's Louisiana Volunteers, which is a

company of "immunes," so much talked of lately. Sigma Nu will be strongly represented in this command."

COLBY-C. F. Colby, Omicron, '96, has enlisted in the Texas Volunteer Guard.

BRECK—Charles H. Rreck, Jr., one of the best liked of Zeta's older members, is now located at Hastings, Nebraska, with the Standard Oil Company. During a recent visit to Kentucky his chapter gave a dance in his honor, which was a graceful compliment to this popular "old boy."

MABRY—If J. W. Mabry, Alpha, '71, will correspond with this office he will learn something of interest to the men of old Alpha.

STONE—Byron F: Stone, Jr., has changed his address to 8 St. Botolph street, Boston, Mass

Knox—The Morning Telegraph, May 1, speaks thus of one of the foremost young members of the New York bar and a leading spirit of the Eastern Alumni Association of Sigma Nu. His law partner is also a Sig, so we are told by Bro. Chasmar, who has our thanks for the elipping:

"No other city in the world offers the same opportunity that New York does for rapid advancement in the practice of law for men who have the requisite education and ability. Lewis T. Knox is an illustration of this fact. Mr. Knox was born at Newcastle, Pa., on March 21, 1868. He prepared for college at Trinity Hall, Washington, Pa., and at Upton Seminary, New Preston, Conn. Then he entered Yale, graduating in the class of '91. Mr. Knox is a member of the Bar Association and the Yale Club. He was graduated from the New York Law School in 1893.

Mr. Knox was with Platt & Bowers, afterwards Bowers & Sands, for three years. Believing that he had obtained sufficient experience in actual practice to justify him, he opened an office in the Equitable Building. His business grew so rapidly that at the end of the first year he found it necessary to have assistance, and formed a partner-hip with Seward Davis, under the firm name of Knox & Davis. Their practice has continued to grow, until it necessitates a large suite of offices on the eighth floor of the new Bank of Commerce Building.

DARGAN—E. Preston Dargan, Bethel, ex-'97, is farming near Barboursville, Va.

DAY—Carl Day, Central University, ex-'96, is doing a large business in lumber at his home in Winchester, Ky.

ZETA—Zeta Chapter is well represented in the State Guard, now being mobilized at Lexington, Ky., by the following: E. Travis Duff, 2nd Lieutenant of the Glasgow company; John R. Thomas, 1st Lieutenant of the Lebanon company; Max T. Price, 2nd Lieutenant of the Middlesboro company. THE NEW YORK
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WYGANT—Henry S. Wygant, Central University, ex.'96, is 2nd Lieutenant of the 6th Infantry, U. S. A., stationed at Tampa, Fla.

SAMPEY—Rev. John R. Sampey, D. D., Howard College, '82, will be one of the principal speakers at the Y. M. C. A. summer school at Asheville, N. C., in June. Dr. Sampey is at present Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, and Librarian of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lonisville, Ky. His present address is 500 West Broadway.

MARVIN-J. B. Marvin, M. D., V. M. I, '71, is one of the leading physicians of Louisville, Ky. His office is at 903 Fourth ave.

McRee—J. Louis McRee, Bethel, ex-'98, is at present with his company at Lexington, Ky., where the State Guard is being mustered into the United States Army. He is a nephew of Dr. John R. Sampey, Howard College, '82.

NESMITH—Geo. T. Nesmith, who won great honor for himself and Northwestern University by winning the second prize in the Northern Oratorical League, has come in for fresh honors to Sigma Nu by being elected editor-in-chief of the "Northwestern." Our new chapter by Lake Michigan is full of honors and has taken instant rank with the best fraternities in Illinois.

SAMUELS—Under date of April 17, Bro. Maurice V. Samuels, Beta Psi, writes thus of Sigma Nu on the coast:

"Sigma Nu is flourishing on the coast and we old timers (from a Californian point of view) are more than proud of our fraternity's progress. The black, white and gold flag is an inspiration to some of the best men in three Pacific coast universities. I venture to predict that it will not be many years before our Golden State will invite you to enjoy her hospitality at the national fraternity association.

Kirkpatrick—The school year just ended was a very satisfactory one to the patrons of our public school. Under the able superintendency of Prof. J. W. Kirkpatrick, good work was done both by teachers and pupils. A year ago when Mr. Kirkpatrick was elected principal of of our schools, some feared that a mistake had been made, for he had not at that time completed his work in college and was without a day's experience. But all doubt as to the wisdom of the action of the board has been dispelled, and those who were then of the opinion that it required a man of age and experience to make a success of our school are now numbered among Mr. Kirkpatrick's most ardent and enthusiastic supporters. Prof. Kirkpatrick is a graduate of Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Mo., and has already reflected credit on his alma mater. He is well fitted, both by natural ability and thorough preparation, for his chosen profession. Himself a true Philomath, he naturally instills a love of learning into his pupils. He is a good disciplinarian—a believer in requests rather than demands. Hence while keeping order he also keeps the respect and friendship of his pupils. He is a conscientious Christian gentleman and his influence for right will be felt wherever he may be. We hope that he will remain as principal another year.—Bunceton, Mo., Eagle, April 29.

LACKEY—W. G. Lackey, Zeta, '92, is located in the practice of law at 815 Union Trust Building, St. Louis. Writing to a friend at Central University our beloved brother thus characteristically says:

"Strong as is my love for the university, I can't help feeling that my spirit of rejoicing would not be so marked were it not for my pride in the part Sigma Nu has played in these victories. How I should like to be present once again in the old frat. hall! Tho' the names on the roster and the faces that gather there are for the most part new and changed from those of the "airly days," I know that the spirit of fraternity that presides over the meetings is still the same."

BOATMAN—The "Delegate-at-Large" has been called to the pastorate of the Christian Church at Corbin, Ky., and is delighted with his new charge. It is not to be wondered at that the congregation is in love with their new pastor, who is one of nature's noblemen.

GAMMA GAMMA—Our Michigan chapter, at Albion, always in the lead in good work, issued handsome, hand-painted invitations to their annual reception on February 22.

WILSON—Beta Iota has chosen A. H. Wilson a delegate to the next Grand Chapter, a merited recognition of one of the most zealous men who ever wore our badge.

FRENCH—Dr. J. Herndon French, A., '76, is President of the New York Alumni Association of Sigma Nu. His enthusiasm has never abated in all these years thus making him a fine example of what every alumnus should be.

CATRON- W. V. A. Catron, Rho, '90, is now teaching Greek in the University of Wisconsin. "Cat" has the reputation of being one of the brainiest men in the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

PREWITT—Misses Ruby and Lucille Prewitt, two of Sigma Nu's most loyal supporters, who have been studying music and art in New York, have recently returned to their home at Columbia, Mo.

Dewey—This is a name known of all men. Of course Rho chapter has a Dewey. Here is what the Herald says of the young man who has made a great reputation for himself in Missouri.

"Dewey, at third, plays the fast game he has always played and is one of the main supports of the team. He hits well, is a good base runner and first-class infielder."

O'Keefe, J. E. O'Keefe, better known among his friends as "Pat" O'Keefe, graduates in June from Cornell.

EVANS-George A Evans, Rho, '97, has been spending this year in

the New York Law School, New York City. He has now returned to his "native haunts" in Missouri to engage in active practice.

COBBS—Thomas H. Cobbs, Beta Gamma, honor man at Yale, '97, is located in the Windy City. Judging by the way he has started out, Tom will soon be to the law profession in Chicage what Joe Leiter is to the Board of Trade.

PRINGLE—Edward G. Pringle, Rho, '97, is attending the Columbia University Law School, New York City. He has recently been elected a member of the famous Southern Society of that institution.

CAMPBELL—J. A. L. Campbell, Yale, is now a member of the firm of Burnett, Stoyton & Campbell, 30 Broad street, New York.

VANCE—R. A. Vance, Beta Gamma, '98, has completely overwhelmed his friends by recent changes in his supply of titles. He is known now as "Major Rufus Vance, Professor of English Language and Literature in the University of Peekskill."

Knox—Lewis T. Knox, Yale, '91, became disgusted with the lonesome life of a bachelor in January last, and took unto himself a wife.

DAWES—Hamilton M. Dawes, Rho, '95. whom The Delta inquired about in the last issue, has been located. He is at 35 Wall street, New York, with Reid, Esseltyn & Ketcham, lawyers, and we are vastly indebted to him for several contributions to this issue. It is difficult for a Rho man to stray far from the fold.

BETA MU—Dreka, the Philadelphia engraver, furnished the menus and toast card for Beta Mu's Fourth Annual Banquet at the St. James' Hotel, Iowa City, Feb. 18, 1898. They were very handsome. The banquet is described elsewhere in this issue.

Delta Sigma Clark—At the close of the Thanksgiving services held by the Universalist Church yesterday, the Rev. E. E. Hamand, of Leroy, christened the infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Alvin Clark. In honor of the Sigma Nu fraternity of which Mr. Clark is Vice-Regent, and Alpha X1 Delta of which Mrs, Clark is a member, the child was named Delta Sigma. The service was an impressive one and beautifully given by Mr. Hamand.—Clinton, Ill., Register.

Delta Theta—On the evening of April 16 the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority celebrated their fifth anniversary at the home of Miss Josephine Ericcsson. After the reminisences the Sigma Nu boys came and a fine social time was enjoyed, The boys presented the sorority with a beautiful banquet lamp.—Lombard University Review.

Baxter—W. P. Baxter, Mt. Union, is paster of the M. E. Church, Negley, Ohio. Bro. Baxter was one of the best athletes in school. He played center on the foot ball team for two years, and was second base and captain of the base ball team during graduating year.

Downs—Ira M. Downs, Mt. Union, has been compelled to give up his teaching and will leave in May for Colorado in search of health.

KEELER-R. V. Keeler, Mt. Union, '95, is pastor of the M. E. Church, Brown City, Mich.

BOWMAN—C. J. Bowman, of Mt. Union College, was called to his regiment Co, I, of the Ohio National Guard at Canton today. He left on train No. 31 and about twenty of his Sigma Nu brethren were at the depot to see him off. They gave him the fraternity yell. They also held a farewell meeting at the frat house this morning at 7 o'clock, in honor of Mr. Bowman.—Item.

HAMBLIN—E. W. Hamblin, Mt. Union, the second initiate of Beta Iota after the charter members, is a professor in the Western Reserve Academy. He writes he has lost none of his loyalty and will visit the boys before the end of the year.

ANTRAM—J. E. Antram, Mt. Union, charter member of Beta Iota, who is Professor of Latin in the Warren, O. schools, will be with us during the summer term for post graduate work in Latin. Bro Antram took the class prize (\$20) last year for all-around student.

ARMSTRONG—H. L. Armstrong, Mt. Union, Superintendent of the Macedonia, O., Schools, will be here during the summer term for further preparation, as he will enter Harvard next fall. Bro. Armstrong, last commencement took the prize (\$20) for the best English composition.

MAPLE—P. G. Maple, Mt. Union, charter member of Beta Iota, is now located in Chicago at 165 Ashland Boulevard. Bro. Maple is connected with a leading wholesale house of that city.

McQUILKIN—McQuilkin, Mt. Union, graduatesfrom the Allegheny Theological Seminary in June, after which he will enter regular pastoral work in the Presbyterian Church.

ORIN—D. G. Orin, Mt. Union, has just closed a very successful year as teacher in the Delroy, O., schools. Bro. Orin won the Harrison Commercial Prize (\$20) last commencement.

TAYLOR—R. S. Taylor, Mt. Union, charter member Beta Iota, is practicing law in Cleveland, O., address Cuayhoga Building.

HEWETT—"Foster Hewett, Georgia, has recently moved from Atlanta and his present address is 1634 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. He is taking a special course in Spanish, chemistry. and mathematics, in the Columbian University, prepartory to entering some college this fall. He is a most enthusiastic Sig, and will be quite an addition to any chapter, should he enter an institution where Sigma Nu is located."—Kemp.

BROOKS-L. M. Brooks, Texas, '91, has been elected District Attorney.

FOSTER—H. S. Foster, Theta, is principal of the Calvert High School.

FOSTER—C. C. Foster, Alabama, is Professor of Mathematics in the Taylor High School. Texas is proud to own both the youngest and oldest of the Foster brothers.

DARDEN-W. E. Darden. North Carolina, '92, is Professor of Latin in the Waco, High School.

MILLER-W. N. Miller, of Waco, has married one of the most charming young ladies of that city.

SCHOCH—Prof. E. P. Schoch, Texas, '92, of the University of Texas. sails for Europe on June 14, where he expects to spend the summer.

CARTER—George H. Carter, Texas, a prominent attorney of Marlin, comes down quite often to look after Upsilon chapter. No more loyal Sig than Carter ever lived.

THOMPSON—Wm. Thompson, '87, one of Upsilon's charter members, is located at Dallas. Bro. Thompson is one of the most prominent of our Alumni.

COBB—J. M. Cobb, Texas, '97, is a member of the firm of Cobb & Tracy, at Rockdale Texas.

NEWMAN—T. A. and H. S. Newman, Bethel, have lately established a banking business at Sweetwater. Texas is glad to claim such loyal Sigs as these.

SHAW—H. A. Shaw, Texas, '98, is at Santa Anna, Texas, on account of his health.

STUBBS-MORRIS—We hear that Bros. George P. Stubbs and E. J. Morris, both of Phi, are at San Antonio, Texas. We are certainly glad to know that Texas is so fortunate as to secure these loyal Sigs.

Wrrz-Louis A. Witz, of Lambda, is in San Antonio trying to regain his health.

RALSTON—W. Wallace Relston, Upsilon, has been appointed assistant surgeon in the navy. Bro. Ralston is to be detailed to active service immediately.

LEDBETTER—Bro Ledbetter, of Phi, is attending St. Edwards College, Austin, Texas.

STEELE—R. T. S. Steele, Psi, A. B. 1895, who has been in attendance at the Medical Department of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, since his graduation at Chapel Hill, N. C., will be in the graduating class in 1899, at the above medical School. He is now spending the vacation quietly at Rockingham, North Carolina.

MAYS—Lawrence V. Mays, Indiana, '98, is practicing law at Anderson, Ind.

NAPIER—N. C. Napier, Jr., North Georgia A. & M., '98, has received appointment to West Point.

BEINHOWER—Irwin I. Beinhower, Lehigh, '94, is located at Rutland, Vt.

CULVER—Joseph E. Culver, founder of Beta XI, is with the Kansas City Southern Lumber Co., at Springfield, Ill. Of this excellent Sig, Bro. C. E. Rendlen writes thus: "Send Joe the Delta. He is the founder of our chapter and is as enthusiastic as any member of our frat. I have never seen a frater who has more good qualities for an all round Sig than he. He visited Beta Xi recently and was heartily welcomed."

GAMMA CHI—Ostrom will receive M. D. from Cooper Institute this spring; Calhoun is in the Klondike and is prospering; Abrams is trying to get to the gold fields by the way of Chilkoot pass; Anderson is in business in La Conners, Wash.

DUMM—A. Thos. Dumm, a valuable member of Beta Lambda until his graduation in '96, writes from Salisbury, Mo., April 7, that he must have the Delta to keep posted on frat news. Here's hoping others of Beta Lambda's faithful old fellows will follow his footsteps.

CLEMANS—Carl Lane Clemans acted as toastmaster at a banquet given by Gamma Chi on Feb. 26. He runs down from Snohomish to Seattle to jolly up the chapter frequently.

KEMP-"I met Eta last Saturday night; found them 17 strong and in good shape."—April 5.

SHAW—H. A. Shaw has withdrawn from the U. of T. to take charge of his ranch in Coleman County, Texas. By the withdrawal of Bro. Shaw, Upsilon loses one of the most energetic men that she ever had. We trust that he will be with his brethren at the Alumni banquet in June.

BUMGARDNER—Writing March 24, to the Regent, Inspector Bumgardner says: "Yesterday I was in Lexington and had the pleasure of seeing again the boys of Lambda. The chapter seemed to be in first-class condition, with a fine set of boys, who take great interest in their fraternity, and they will keep up the chapter to its standard. While I have never visited Beta, they are doing very well and have two excellent men in Toole and Burdeau."

BATCHELOR—Dr. J. M. Batchelor is assistant house surgeon at the Charity Hospital, New Orleans.

Lyons—Fred Lyons, Phi, is soliciting agent for the Pee Gee Railroad, and by his gift of gab and genial manners, is making hosts of friends in railroad circles. MARSHALL—W. M. Marshall is in New Orleans, but we hear very little of him.

IVES—C. A. Ives, Phi, is Principal of the Patterson High Schools of Patterson, La.

Morris—We have not heard anything of our enthusiastic Brofrom Phi lately. Morris, let us know where you are.

SLICER-J. E. Slicer, Beta Phi, is in business at St. Joseph, La.

READ—Bro. Alvin C. Read, Beta Phi, will graduate with honors from the U. S. Military Acadamy, at West Point.

REISS—Dr. Paul Reiss can be found in the Medical Building, New Orleans, and will be glad to see at his office any Sig who has an eye which needs attention.

SMITH—Lewis Howell Smith, Beta Chi, whose picture adorned the Delta's last issue, has dissolved partnersnip with Judge Carter and is now practicing law independently, at Fresno, Cal., of which place he is City Attorney.

Engle—H. P. Engle, Beta Mu, is practicing medicine at Newton, Iowa.

LEIGH—C. L. Leigh, Beta Mu, has opened dental parlors at Manchester. Iowa.

POAGE—R. L. Poage, Alpha, '82, is a druggist and insurance agent at Wytheville, Va.. where he is a prominent Mason.

BAIRD—Edward John Baird, Zeta, '94, who was graduated from Princeton Seminary in '96, is located at Glenville, Harford county, Md. He is often inquired for by friends in Kentucky, who will forget him only when the moon wanes and the sun sinks into eternal darkness.

LOGAN—Charles A. Logan, Zeta '93, is attending Princeton Semi nary. He is now at his home, Shelbyville, Ky., for the vacation.

Good—Orrin S. Good, Pi '97, is now at 219 Craig st., E. End, Pittsburg, Pa.

Junk—Writing of the Seventh Division Convention, Inspector Junk says: "As I reflect upon my visit to Beta Eta I pronounce the Convention a most enjoyable and successful one. The meeting of dear old Cook alone would have been worth the time and expense of making the trip. He is what I consider a true Sigma Nu." It was, indeed, a pleasure to meet the jolly and devoted Cook, and the writer will long remember the delightful occasion which called us together at Bloomington, Ind., on May 13-14, 1898. It is but just to say that to the work of Inspector Junk much of the success of this meeting was due. He kept up interest in it all during the year.

SEARS—Walter J. Sears has given another evidence of his true manhood and has gone forth to fight for his country's honor and his country's flag. He has enlisted in the 7th regiment of Ohio troops. His regiment left Columbus, Ohio, for Paul's Church, Va., on May 18th, where they will remain in camp for the time being.

WEETZ-LEONARD—Beta Mu chapter has given up two of her bright. est and best active members to go forth and fight the "Cubans." They are Edward Wertz and W. T. Leonard.

CARLISLE—Paul P. Carlisle, Beta Nu, '96, is in Cleveland, attending medical college.

HEYWOOD—We regret to announce that Harris Heywood, of Beta Mu, recently had to undergo an operation for appendecitis. He is getting along quite nicely, however, and it is the hope of his many friends that he may have a speedy recovery.

BLINN—Ray Blinn, of Beta Nu, the general artist who designed for the Delta the cover title page in use for several issues, is now in El Paso, Texas, where last spring he ran on the free silver ticket for city engineer, but was defeated by a few votes.

STANBERRY—Harry M. Stanberry, Beta Nu, is interested in large oil interests at Sistersville, W. Va.

BRUCE-ALGER.—H. V. Bruce and Berry Alger, two true Sigs and former members of Beta Nu chapter, have enlisted and are now at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga, Park, Ga.

Brown—John Quincy Brown has accepted recently a fine position. He is Superintendent and Secretary of the Columbus, Ohio, Electric Light and Power Co., which is controlled by Emerson McMillan, of New York. Bro. Brown is one of the distinguished sons of our splen-1 did Beta Mu chapter, and his success adds another illustrious star to the achievements of this chapter.

SMITH—The Columbus. O., Sigs write that they were proud of Ed S. Smith, Beta Mu, '97, who paid them a visit a few weeks ago. They say that if all the Iowa Sigs are his equal the chapter stands second to none at the State University of Iowa.

SMITH-FARRIOR—Invitations were received to the marriage of Bro-Edgar Valentine Smith, Iota, and Miss May Farrior, at Letohatchie, Ala., April 27, 1897. "At home after April 28, Chapman, Ala."

NESMITH—George T. Nesmith, of our new chapter Gamma Beta, won first place in the preliminary contest to represent Northwestern University in the Northern Oratorical League. In the final Bro. Nesmith won second prize, \$50. His first victory was the greatest honor of the year, whilst his winning second place ranks him scarcely less prominent than the victor.

Bush-R. D. and M. E. Bush, Emory, '93, are associated with

their father in the practice of law at Camilla, Ga. Bob is also a graduate of the University of Georgia Law School, Mu, '94, is Mayor of Camilla, has a beautiful wife, an accomplished lady, and is the happy father of a splendid young "Sig." They have also a younger brother, I. A. Bush, Jr., now at Emory College in the Sophomore class, who is a staunch "Sig."

PALMER—B. H. Palmer, Emory, '94, is Assistant Principal of the Albany high schools at Albany, Ga.

CRAWLEY—Lee Crawley, Georgia, '89, one of Mu's old men, has recently been appointed Solicitor of the City Court at Waycross, Ga. Judge Samuel Williams, another one of Mu's alumni, is Judge of the court. Judge Williams' brother, Dr. W. P. Williams, of Blackshear, Ga., is also a "Sig." There are also three of the Crawley brothers, who are members of Sigma Nu. Ed and Lee form the law firm of Crawley & Crawley at Waycross, and W. Crawley is now pursuing a law course at the University of Georgia, and will add another to Mu's long list of "Colonels" when he receives his "Dip" next June.

MORRIS—Hugh Morris, Emory, is co-Principal of the Monticello, high school.

Anderson—L. W. Anderson, Emory, who left Xi several several years ago, has recently moved to Atlanta from Forsyth, Ga., and is now connected with the wholesale firm of Maddox Bros., grocers.

Anthony—L. P. Anthony, Emory, '98, whose home is also at Forsyth, Ga., has lately been added to the list of Atlanta Sigs. He is bookkeeper for Byck Bros., a large shoe house in that city.

HOLLINGSWORTH—R. E. Hollingsworth, Georgia, '97 (Law), has located in Atlanta, Ga., and can be found in the Inman Building in the law offices of Culberson & Willingham.

NAPIER—A. Y. Napier, Mercer, '96, has given up teaching and is now at Lexington, Ky., in the Theological School there, and intends soon to enter the ministry.

MOORE—George M. Moore, Mercer, '96, is preaching at Piscola, Ga. George and "Gus" Napier are two of the best men Eta has ever sent out to battle for Sigma Nu.

STEED—W. E. Steed, Georgia, '88, was appointed last fall by the Governor of Georgia Judge of the County Court of Taylor County. His home is at Butler, Ga., and he is one of the most prominent men in that section of the country.

HOWARD-Where is Alexanner Howard?

LANE—W. T. Lane, Georgia, '88, one of the ablest lawyers of Americus, Ga., is being prominently mentioned as one of the next representatives of Sumter County in the Georgia Legislature.

DURDEN-F. R. Durden, Mercer, '95, has charge of the Baptist

Church at Montezuma, Ga. There is also another F. R. Durden, Mu, '91, Law, '92, in Sigma Nu. The latter one, from Mu, is practicing law at Swainsboro, Ga. Both are splendid men and enthusiastic "Sigs."

LAND—Max E. Land, North Georgia A. and M., '92, is practicing law at Abbeville, Ga.

AKERMAN—Joe Akerman, Georgia, '94, Tutor University of Georgia '94 '95 and '95-'96, is taking a course in medicine at Johns-Hopkins. He still has three brothers, all Sigs at Mu.

DEADWYLER—M. P. Deadwyler, Emory, '94, is practicing medicine and running a drug store at Crawfordville, Ga.

WOODWARD—J. C. Woodward, N. Ga. A. and M., '88, is Principal of the high schools at Newman, Ga.

JOHNSON—Joe Johnson, Jr., Alabama, '90, for a long while one of the chief men on the staff of the Atlanta Journal, moved to New York last fall, where he is connected with that great daily, The New York Journal.

LOVEJOY—Hatton Lovejoy, Georgia. who will long be remembered as one of the best athletes the University of Georgia ever had, is now engaged in the practice of law at LaGrange, Ga. He was the first honor man in the B. E. course of the class of '96 and was one of the honor men of the Law Class, '97, at the University of Georgia.

BUTNER—J. H. Butner, Georgia, '95, is doing splendid work upon the "Morning News" at Savannah, Ga.

BREITENBUCHER'-P. W. Breitenbucher. Georgia, '98, who enlisted in Sigma Nu's ranks at Mu chapter and who for the past two years has been in the newspaper business at Atlanta, has recently removed to Denver, Col., where he will continue in the newspaper work.

JORDAN—J. Holmes Jordan, Georgia, has a flourishing school at Molena, Ga.

ALEXANDER—Hope Alexander, Georgia, '97, (Law), has hung out his shingle at Thomasville, Ga., and is associated with the law firm of Hammond & Son.

McLeon—W. R. McLeod, N. Ga. A. and M., '86, who will be remembered by the Sigma boys, as he spent some time in one of the Normal schools of Nashville, is now living at Savannah, Ga.

SHAW—W. J. Shaw, Georgia, '90, is a Doctor of Dentistry at Rome, Ga.

LESTER—E. C. Lester, Emory, '87, whose home is at Clarkston, Ga., has opened up a tailoring establishment at Atlanta, Ga., on Whitehall street.

MALLORY-William A. Mallory, Emory, '93, has lately enrolled

himself as another one of Sigma Nu's followers in Atlanta. Bro. Mallory belongs to the Methodist Conference, but, on account of the sickness of his wife, has located here, and is connected with the wholesale drug firm of Moss Bros., at 53 S. Pryor street.

SAVAGE—F. M. Savage, Alabama. '93, who was graduated at West Point last June as Second Lieutenant in the U. S. A., and who was stationed at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., for several months past, has been recently moved to some post in Arizona.

OBENAUF—F. E. Obenauf, Mercer, '94, is located in Augusta, Ga., where he is building up a splendid and lucrative law practice.

PICKETT—A. F. Pickett, Georgia, is Superintendent of Public Schools at Tallapoosa, Ga.

BLASINGAME—J. C. Blasingame, Georgia, '92, for a number of years President of the Butts County Institute, at Jackson, Ga., is now in charge of the Knoxville Normal schools, at Knoxville, Tenn.

PEARCE—D. P. Pearce, Mercer, '95, adds another to the list of Sigma Nu's many prominent young lawyers of Georgia. He is located at Hawkesville, Ga.

JEFFCOAT—J. G. Jeffcoat, Emory, '87, is principal of an excellent school at Wildwood, Fla. Bro. Jeffcoat has been away from his Alma mater for some time, but still manages to keep in touch with the fraternity and to recommend young men to his chapter.

Howl—W. H. Hoyl, Emory, one of four brothers, and better known as "hamp," is working in one of the large banks at Jacksonville, Fla.

BLANDFORD—GLENN.—Eugene C. Blandford, Zeta Chapter '94, and during his college career the champion in many forms of athletics, as well as the highest honor man in the University, was married March 4, 1898, to Miss Effie Glenn, of Batesville, Ark. The Guard of March 11 says: "The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn, and is a young lady of many personal attractions and beautiful in character. Since her debut in society she has been very popular and many of the young people, noticeably some of the sterner sex, regret that one man's gain is their loss. Prof. Blandford has been a member of the faculty of Arkansas College for two years past, and during this time has proven himself possessed of many qualities that have won for him the respect and admiration of the people of Batesville."

Bro. Blandford was champion hammer and shot man of Kentucky, with records of 93.5 feet and 40.2 feet respectively. He was an ininvincible right half on the foot ball team of Central University for two years, could do 100 yards in 102-5, and was good in everything else on track and field. Better than all he was universally beloved, his bright mind, gentle disposition, powerful physique and nobility of heart drew all toward him, and we record this event with the hope that hence-



forth his life may be as bright and as happy as the memory of him is precious and delightful to the writer. See illustration in athletic costume.

MURPHY-Who does not know or know of Clarence Wainwright Murphy confesses himself unknown! Who is Murphy? He is the frat's darling! Look at that boy's eyes and see mirrored in those liquid depths cupids, music, dancing, laughter and love. He is a son of Lambda, but a brother of all! Refined as a lady, a Chesterfield, a pattern plate, an arbiter of fashions, he is without a peer inside or out of Sigma Nu. With friends to command in platoons, the ladies were no less fond of this exquisite product of the Sunny South. But he ran the gamut only at last to be vanquished-by Miss Grace Jordan, one of the most superb women of the North, whom Clarence led back from the land of snow to the land of sun, amidst the rejoicing of his countless friends. Aside from the honors heaped upon him by Sigma Nu, having sat in her High Council, his music has made him famous. He is author of the following: "I Loved You Then, I Love You Now," 40 cents; "Good Bye," 35; "Sigma Nu March," 40; "Silver River," 40; "Love's Awaking," 30; "Two Step," 50; "My Queen Polka," 40. The above may be obtained upon receipt of price, from George B. Jennings Co., 121-123 W. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio,

Texas Sigs—The following invitation has been received: "Annual banquet complimentary to the Sigma Nu's of Texas by the Texas Sigma Nu Association, Driscoll House, Austin, June I4, 1898."

### The New Charter.

The handsome new lithographed charters have been distributed to all of the chapters free of charge. Beta Xi chapter was the first to respond to the request of the Grand Recorder for the old charters, and she was the first to receive a new one. The following letters were received:

LIBERTY, Mo., April 18, '98.

Bro. Woods:

Beta Xi received the new charter Saturday and we think it a beautiful piece of work. The most pleasing feature, in my judgment, is its simplicity and delicacy—representing the emblems of our order in such exceeding good taste.

C. E. Rendlen.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., April 19, '98. Just received the new charter. It is "out of sight."

It's a "bird," and the "foxiest" thing that "ever came down the pike." Its a regular "peach" and we all went wild over it.

FRANK J. JUMPER.

The charter came yesterday and is indeed pretty.

J. H. AIKEN, Vermont.

The new charter arrived safely and it is indeed a beauty. The boys are very well pleased with it indeed, and the comments upon it were very flattering to the designer.

J. J. WISELOGEL, Purdue.

The new charter has been received and it is simply beautiful. You deserve great credit, Bro. Woods, and I am at a loss for words with which to express my feelings. I can simply say the Beta Tau is proud indeed of the new charter and more proud than words can express of Sigma Nu's Grand Recorder. Chas. Pearson, N. C. A. & M.

We received the charter which is very beautiful.

W. D. Buchanan, Delta Theta.

### POEMS.

BY EDWARD A. BLOUNT, JR., UPSILON, '93.

Dr. Blount is still quite a 'young man, somewhere in his twenties; and in this tasteful volume he gives us the fruit of his leisure hours. In the prose introduction he calls them his "idle hours," but that appellation is not merited.

In the hundred pages and the hundred pieces there is quite a deversity of sentiment. There are playful pieces like "The Girl Across the Way," on page 31 the temper of which may be gathered from the second stanza:

I labored one day 'till the light was grown gray,
And scarcely the page I could see;
And I looked o'er the street, and, coincidence sweet,
A glance she was casting at me;
Then she smiled; we were friends; and I threw her a kiss;

But she made mr a face, for she took it amiss, And, "sure," she was thinking, "what impudence, this," Was the girl that lives over the way.

A pleasing romance I tound in "Manana" (tomorrow), which has a touch of oriental fire and color:

My love she is a winsome one,

This maid of Mexico—

"Oh, look, beneath the tropic sun
The orange blossoms glow;
They bloom for you and me," I said,
"And mark the time that we should wed"—
But Lilia drooped a laughing eye,
And smiled in a charming manner;
And so she passed my wooing by—

"Manana."

"Well, then, for fear the bargain slip,
A kiss to pledge the wooing
And sure a kiss from such a lip
Were nobly worth pursuing"—
A turn, a glimpse of danger fire,
A gleam of old Castillian ire,
And in the crimson of her cheek
Unfurled the warning banner
But scftly did my darling speak,
"Manana."

The ballads in the collection please our fancy. It is no easy thing to write a good ballad; and we remember how Goldsmith plumed himself on his Hermit. We would signalize "The White and the Red," "The Poacher's Daughter," Sir Hugh of Normandie," and "Love's Alchemy."

They were busy at night in the sufferer's room
While the city was roaring without,
With the merciful blades and the soothing perfume
They had sought to avert the disaster of doom,
While the city was roaring without.

But the shadow of death was forebodingly nigh,
As the city went roaring without;
By the strife of the pulse and the lift of the eye
And the clutch of the hand it were plain to descry,
As the city went roaring without.

And long ere the wings of the day had unfurled,
On the city still roaring without
A life had been born to the pitiless world,
And a life had gone forth to eternity whirled—
And the city was roaring without.

In the "Brothers" we have a comparison between the great violinist Ysaye, and the fiddler old Black Ben. As a bit of wrod painting and as pecimen of melodious versification this is one of the best that we ever have read in the whole volume. It reminds us of Poe, and of some of the spirit songs in Faust.

"A Vivandiere" is in the author's best style. A battle scene is presented briefly, but forcibly; and the horses fly crimson footed, girt with fire, and with sable hoods on their fair young heads. The lances and the bullets in front do not terrify the soldiers; but ah! the dark glances and the keen knife of the Vivandiere behind him, waiting for his fall.

There is a fine swing and dash in the rhythm of several pieces, such as would do no discredit to our standard English poets.

There's not much humor in the volume, but on pages 60 and 61, we have a most grim and anatomical account of Bill:

"My ancient and musty, my creaky and rusty My faithful and trusty old skeleton Bill."

The medical students would appreciate this. In fine, Dr. Blount has done some excellent work in these poems. They give promise of still better work in the future. Let him try his hand on some longer pieces, as well as on short ones; and let him give to all his short pieces the finish in rhym, rhythme and diction which he has given to so many in this volume.

L. G. B., DD., LLD., Author of "the End of Time."

### WHY SHOULD I PAY FOR THE DELTA?

Bro. Ralph M. Folks, of Albion College, has our thanks for five good reasons why every initiate should pay for the Delta, "Inasmuch as there are some who think that one or two copies for a chapter would do as well as a dozen or more. This might be true, but they never pause to think that its publication is limited to our own fraternity, and therefore that we must support it.

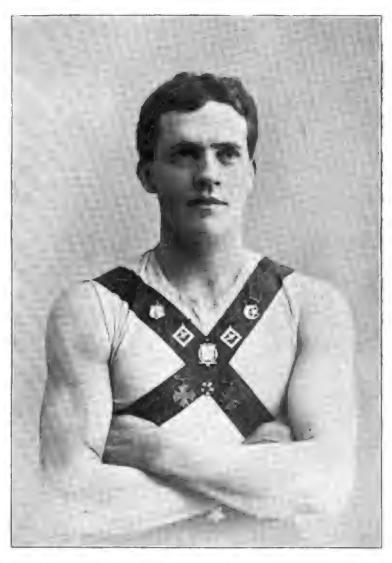
- 1. It is the only official organ of Sigma Nu.
- 2. We have no other means of keeping in touch with our sister chapters and the doings of our conventions.
- 3. It is expensive to publish such a magazine and hence it should be supported loyally and liberally by all.
  - 4. It educates our fraternal spirit.
- 5. It creates love and enthusiasm for our beloved fraternity far and near.

I always look forward to the publication of the Delta with much interest and frequently count up the days to know when it is due at Albion. I realize that the editor's position is an extremely difficult one; he must wait and have lots of patience with the tardy correspondents, yet this place must be filled with the most loyal Sigma Nu of all, and I realize that such a man is now at the helm."

WANTS A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Writing from Santa Anna, Texas, Bro. H. A. Shaw, to whom we are indebted for valuable contributions to this issue, says:

"I realize that it was a mistake not to provide in the Texas Alumna Association constitution for the compelling of every alumnus to take the Delta. I am going to bring an amendment to that effect before the meeting June 14. I think that it will be favorably received by the members as I have talked with several of them from different parts of the State and they seem to favor it. I think that



EUGENE BLANDFORD, ZETA, THE GREAT KENTUCKY ATHLETE, VANQUISHED BY CUPID, MARCH 4-

the reading of the Delta is almost absolutely essential to keep up the enthusiasm of every alumnus. It is the only way by which one can keep in close touch with the fraternity at large."

FROM ANOTHER BROTHER, HARRINGTON.

With an insight into our affairs which few possess, Bro. W. J. Sears used these words in his article on Remedial Legislation, in our last issue: "Indebtedness falls upon a fraternity like a plague of Egypt. Her publications are hampered; her administration is set about by a niggardly economy that blights all her plans and purposes; her energies are spent upon sordid fiscal affairs when they should be given to the nobler callings of the Fraternity life."

Truth! truth! And we can state more truth when we announce that over half our time has been consumed in the labor with which the chapters should never have burdened us, correcting their errors, due to neglect aud carelessness, gathering up their reports, beseeching them to perform simple but important duties, to make remittances, send in letters, etc., etc., that require precious time for which there is no requital. Here is a letter from W. P. Harrington, brother of our former excellent Grand Recorder, who despite his vigorous policy was unable to collect nearly \$2,000 from the chapters. Says the writer:

"Now, Bro. Woods, will you forgive me if I tell you that you have been a little too easy on the chapters, and that you should use more vigorous means to make them pay up. I have known Grant many a time to dun a delinquent chapter till he lost patience and then draw on them through a bank or threaten them with the loss of their charter, if they didn't pay up. The chapter's sense of honor might be appealed to and the fellows made to see what a dishonorable thing it is for them to bum off the general fraternity and refuse to pay their dues. The Sig-

ma Nu fraternity is in a highly flourishing condition, I think. The letters from all the chapters breathe the same spirit of virility and enthusiasm. These fellows may not realize it but the strength of our chapters and of the fraternity as a whole comes more than anything else from the fact that the Grand Reborder's office has been worthily and vigorously managed and the DELTA has been made one of the greatest of fraternity magazines. As a matter of fact the DELTA has for several years been in advance of the fraternity and has set a pace for the fraternity which it has been of incalculable advantage to it to follow. And just as sure as these chapters allow the Delta to deteiorate by withholding the support which they owe it, our beloved Sigma Nu will lose its place as the best of fraternities and our fine array of chapters will be heard of no more. No man is a true Sigma Nu who allows his fraternity to be wounded in such a vital spot. I think if you would write to every chapter just such a letter as you have just written me, if there is a spark of honor left in the chapter they will pay every cent they owe the DELTA, though it should take every cent they have." [On my honor, a thousand such letters were written.—ED, DELTA.

#### STANDING OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

In this issue appear eight handsome engravings of Northwestern University buildings, which were designed to appear in our last issue along with the article on our new chapter at that institution. If any of our members are uninformed as to the character of this great institution they may obtain from these eight views some idea of its physical importance. Further information is here given, from the N. Y. Voice:

### RESPECTIVE RANK OF THE TEN LEADING AMERICAN UNI-TERSITIES FOR TEN YEARS.

The seventh annual number of Minerva, Trubner's standard catalogue of the universities of the world published at Strasburg, has just appeared in this country. The present number comprises 1130 pages of information of the leading colleges of this country and universities of the world. Those relating to the colleges of this country are of especial importance and significance at this time. The following table shows the relative positions of the ten leading universities of America for the past five years:

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2. Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	Mich.	N. W
8Yale.	Yale.	Penn.	Penn.	Mich.
4 : Penn.	Penn.	Yale.	Minn.	Penn
5. Corn.	Col.	Minn.	Yale.	Minn
6Col.	Corn.	Col.	Cal.	Yale.
7. N. Y.	Wisc.	Cal.	Col.	Cali.
8Minn.	Minn.	Corn.	Chic	Chiere
9. Wisc.	Cal.	Chic.	Corn.	Col.
10.Cal.	Bost.	Wisc.	Wisc.	Corn.

It is a significant fact that Harvard University, which has adopted modern ideas in opposition to the liquor business, has steadily maintained its relative rank at the front of American universities, while Yale and Cornell, which still cling to the bottle, are steadily dropping to the rear of the procession. The University of Chicago, which has adopted a hostile attitude toward the saloon, is also coming to the front. But look at Northwestern! At one bound she takes second place in this grand array of colleges.

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CLARENCE E. WOODS, Editor and Publisher, Richmond, Kentucky.

THE official call for the assembling of the Ninth Grand Chapter of Sigma Nu appears at the opening of this Delta. The same printed form was mailed to the chapters in advance of this issue of the Delta, and we confidently look forward to a large assemblage of brothers from all sections of our country at Atlanta, July 20, 21, 22, 1898. It has been eight years since a regular convention was held in the South-in 1890 at Chattanooga. Ours was the first fraternity to hold a convention west of the Mississippi river, in St. Louis, 1892, and, incidentally the first to officially declare against wine at the banquets on such occasions, an innovation that elicited comment from the religious and secular press. Pardon is asked for this digression: When the question of "wine" was being discussed, at Indianapolis, one of the oldest delegates took the floor and addressed the meeting. His "sporty" proclivities were well known and his fondness for Anheuser-Busch and Mumm's Extra Dry had been demonstrated on the outside, so that his remarks were expected to be emphatically "for wine." Said he: "I am 26 years of age, older than the majority of my audience. I drink wine at home and elsewhere when I please. I appreciate this liberty and I will always defend it. ("I wish I had a drink"-laughter.) But I did not come all the way to St. Louis to force upon our young brothers something which they do not desire, especially when I can, without offending them-yea, leading them into temptation-go off to myself or in the company of others similarly inclined, and drink to my heart's content. I vote against wire at this banquet." This blunt but manly stand was applauded to the echo, and the weakkneed brethren at once fell in line, and the fate of wine was decided and there was no discord nor regret.

HIS is a Pacific Coast edition, gladly so named to record in part the progress of our three sisters on the far western slope. The youngest chapter there, Gamma Chi, sends us evidences of her permanent foundation and healthful condition, under the watchcare of that beloved and powerful frater, Carl Lane Clemans. Of Beta Chi and Beta Psi we need say only this: Look out for them! No better chapters exist in any fraternity. They doubtless repudiate the idea of imitation, but they are most like Rho chapter in cultivating their alumni who are not excelled in activity by the active members them-Bro. Feusier, in his sketch of Hirst, well says that before the new century had passed its first decade the Sigma Nu's of today will be the makers of history for California and the coast. The occasion of the banquet in San Francisco by Bro. Partridge equals in brilliant descriptive powers and interesting, accurate minutiæ the article on the same topic last year by Feusier. The work done by our far western chapters entitle them to the most grateful consideration and the "Pacific Coast Delta" is but a feeble acknowledgement of our deep appreciation of their worth.

THE formation of the Eighth Division Association is recorded in this issue. The Constitution and By-laws also appear, on page 297. We have furnished to the Secretary, Bro. W. M. Dickie, Berkeley Cal., 200 copies of the Division Constitution printed in convenient shape for distribution throughout the West. We trust they will be of service to the fraternity in that section.

THOUGH not officially notified, we learn that the new edition of Wm. Raimond Baird's valuable work entitled "American College Fraternities," is now ready for delivery. This volume of about 400 pages contains official statistics of all the fraternities in existence, with a list of their chapters, membership, and other information. The price is \$2, which should be sent to W. R. Baird, 271 Broadway, N. Y.

THE South was the birthplace of Sigma Nu—Virginia, the Mother of States gave birth to our fraternity shortly after the Civil War. For years no attempt was made to plant chapters beyond Mason and Dixon's Line but when that broad spirit of Northern extension seized the minds of our members, but few years were required to make brilliant conquests in that section of our loved country. Quick to follow up the advantage thus gained, old ideas give place to new until today the North and west are making as much history for Sigma Nu as the thickly chaptered section of the South. From Albion, Michigan, to Austin,

in the Lone Star State, is not so far as from the Golden Gate to Lake Champlain, yet at these extremes and between floats the tri-colored flag with the single star. All hail to the black, white and gold, the serpent and swords of Sigma Nu.

BRO. EGAN'S excellent letter from Beta Chi is well worth reading by all. He invites all chapters who desire to exchange souvenirs to correspond with him and they will obtain something of value with which to decorate their halls. See his letter in Eighth Division.

ON to Atlanta! The selecting of this city as the place of meeting of the Grand Chapter is a fortunate one. The extremely low rates by the railroads offered at that time (one cent per mile each way from all points east of the Mississippi Riv.r and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers) should enable every chapter in the South certainly to send one or more delegates. Those outside of this section can procure tickets to the nearest excursion point, thus enabling them to make the total round trip expenses at about two-thirds the regular fare, which is better than we have ever been able to obtain to any previous meeting.

THE revised and amplified Law was received from the printers just as we go to press and too late for distribution to the chapters this year, as its inspection by the Regent is necessary before they are sent broadcast. The Law has been revised from beginning to end by Bro. A. Miller Belfield, Beta Zeta '62, attorney at law, 1461 Monadnock Building, Chicago, Ill., and it is indexed and cross-referenced, rendering the instrument perfect for the first time. With new Charters, new Laws and new Rituals, the chapters should have no difficulty in their work hereafter.

THROUGH C. E. Rendlen it is learned that the Kansas City Alumni Chapter was reorganized on Saturday night, April 16. No further particulars given.

BETA, Psi and Mu failed to return their old charters and as we needed them from which to secure some data we did not send new charters to these chapters, a necessity which we regretted very much.

T should be borne in mind that if we include Upsilon, we have just one-half our chapters within the territory affected by the cheap round trip rate of 2 cents per mile (I cent each way) to Atlanta offered from all points south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi river, Such argument prevails in the case of no other city in the United States.

AT the Convention of the Eighth Division, held in San Francisco, the proposed organization of a University of the United States, was discussed in detail, and it was enthuriastically resolved that the support of the Eighth Division be pledged to this noble and patriotic purpose, and that its best services be tendered to awaken an interest in the project among all the members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity of the United States. The founding of this university was first suggested and provided for by George Washington, and is now coming to light, and we trust the Eighth Division has initiated a superb movement in which our whole fraternity may do well indeed to be prominent.

THE Southern chapters cannot afford to be unrepresented at this Grand Chapter, to be held at their very doors. The North, the East and the West expect the Southern chapters to do their duty by attending this convention.

T is our pleasure to give space to a reply to Bro. Sears' article on Remedial Legislation, from Bro. A. Miller Belfield, of Chicago. This interested difference of opinion of two most excellent brothers can but prove of inestimable good for the fraternity. Interest in policies and a discussion of them is what we need. Bro. Sears will see the force of Bro. Belfield's masterly arguments and will doubtless gracefully capitplate in regard to methods of planting new chapters. The new law is the best possible for the present—and we are of those who opposed its passage. But it has worked no hardships to Sigma Nu, if it has disappointed individuals—and we are among the latter. Coming from one who as vigorously opposed the new law as did inspector Kemp, his opinion is significant of the change of sentiment in favor of restricted extension. Kemp says: "I am prepared to say that our present law, as far as I can see, has not hurt us any, nor kept any worthy set of petitioners from a reputable institution from receiving a charter. I think Sigma Nu has reached that point where she can afford to be conservative and should be so. We do not want too many chapters; there is danger of becoming top-heavy. And, too, when fraternities grow too large fraternalism and enthusiasm decline."

As a result of the operation of the new law, only three charters have been granted, Atlanta, Evanston, Ill., and Burlington, Vt., whereas four sets of petitioners have been refused.

THE Confederate Veterans are to meet in Atlanta in July and the railroads have guaranteed the lowest rate possible, 1 cent per mile each way. Other fraternities besides Sigma Nu have seized the opportunity to meet there on this account, and we confidently expect the largest attendance in our history.

A MISTAKEN impression exists in some quarters that our general fraternity is in debt. The old Harrington account was paid six months ago, and we are free from debt!

GAMMA BETA chapter at Northwestern with most commendable enterprise has introduced a scheme whereby our stock of fraternity songs will soon be replenished. Each member is required to write an original poem and read it before the meeting, and the musical members of the chapter, and there are several, adapt the poetry to some standard air and the chapter is taught to sing the piece in chorus. Many of the poems are of unquestioned merit, and with the chapter's consent the Delta will soon print several. It is Gamma Beta's idea, however, to wait until a sufficient number is collected and publish them in book form. Who says this is not a grand conception? All honor to Gamma Beta.

THE secret issue of the Delta, Vol. 15, No. 1, page 21, contains a list of important subjects for debate at the coming Grand Chapter. Other questions will arise, but we are asked by Bro. Sears to ask the members to think over his scheme for issuing "clearance cards" to members who have paid their dues, as is customary in some fraternal orders, and also to publish a public "black list" of those who can pay but will not pay their dues.

WE are very grateful to Bro. W. S. Ankeney, of Iowa University, for a copy of the S. U. I., the college annual, of which he was the editor-in-chief. It is a fine volume of 850 pages, profusely illustrated. The work is considered the crowning achievement of Bro. Aukeney's career at I. S. U., where he has been for several years foremost in all college affairs and first in the hearts of Sigma Nu. From this annual we find that W. S. Aukeney held these positions of honor: Editor-in-Chief S. U. I.; Managing Editor Vidette-Reporter, tri-weekly; Vice-President S. U. I. Debating League; President S. U. I. Hellenic Whist League; Member Irving Institute; Graduate Member Ivy Lane; Editor.in-Chief Hawkeye '90; Gunner in Battery; won competition sabre drill; and as a Reporter and Treasurer for his chapter a model in all respects. Though Beta Mu has lost a star by his graduation his loss is a personal one to the Grand Recorder, who relied so implicitly upon this exemplary officer to do his whole duty without urging. Wherever he may go we shall watch his career with an interested eye, for his kind are not too numerous for us to lose sight of this bright particular star.

### FRATERNITY NOTES.

VERNON I. WITHERSPOON, Z, EDITOR.

The March Caduceus of Kappa Sigma is one of the best issues of of that magazine that we have seen. The installation of the Beta-Alpha chapter at Brown University, Providence, R. I., is announced, accompanied by a sketch of the University. There are thirteen charter members, all active, and the chapter seems to start off with good prospects. This makes thirteen fraternities in Brown, but the chapter correspondent says that only about 50 per cent of the students are fraternity men. It would thus seem that there is yet plenty of room for other fraternities.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has another very interesting article on "Pioneer Days of the Fraternity." There is a short sketch of Buckwell University, Lewisburg, Penn. The fraternity membership at Bucknell University is: Phi Kappa Psi 16, Sigma Chi 7, Phi Gamma Delta 13, Tigma Alpha Epsilon 11, Pi Beta Phi 16, Kappa Sigma 10. "Sigma Alpha Epsilon on the Coast," shows what the Sig Alphas are doing out West. Founder's day, March 9, seems to have been generally observed by the active members and the Alumni Association. There is no comment upon the affair between Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Deltha Theta, except that the editor of the Record, not having heard anything more from Phi Delta Theta, supposed that the fraternity has the matter under consideration. The Illinois Psi-Omega chapter, which it is alleged Phi Delta tried to "lift," has recently entertained the province of which it is a member. Although the chapter has only six active members, it seems to very wide awake and progressive, from the way it entertained the convention.

The Delta Tau Delta Rainbow for March records the establishing of the Beta Omega chapter at the University of California. Fourteen men were initiated all of whom are active.

"Alpha Tau Omega at the University of Texas," is the subject of the opening article of the Palm for May. Texas Gamma Eta is the name of the new chapter at the University, which was chartered Nov. 26, 1897, with four men. Since then two more have been initiated. A fitting tribute is paid to the late Rev. Charles Todd Quintard, D. D. Bishop of Tennessee, who was a member of the Tennessee Omega chapter. The correspondent of the Cumberland University chapter, Lebanon, Tenn, says that the Junior Law Class, entering in January, pledged itself as a body not to join any fraternity for a month, thus giving the men time to look around. He does not comment upon the success or failure of this action in helping both the men and the fraternities to decide aright.

The April Scroll of Phi Delta Theta is an excellent issue. ography of Ardivan W. Rogers, by Robert Morrison, founder of the fraternity, completes the sketches of the six founders of Phi Delta Theta. "A Practicable Fraternity Catalogue," by Walter B. Palmer gives some excellent advice as to the methods to be employed in compiling the next catalogue of the Phi Delta Theta. This article is of considerable length and shows careful and enthusiastic research upon the part of the writer. A number of its suggestions may well be considered by those to whom the task of compiling the 1899 catalogue of Sigma Nu is entrusted. A portrait and sketch of Alexander P. Stewart, the famous Confederate General, who joined the fraternity at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., appears. The old letters of members of Phi Delta Theta are interesting, even to an outsider. The Librarian of the fraternity estimates that there are 500 bound volumes and not less than 1,200 pamphlets and magazines in his possession. In this connection it has often occurred to the writer that the Sigma Nu Fraternity should have a Librarian and some definite place where the files of the Delta and all literature relating to Sigma Nu might be preserved. Perhaps it would not be out of place to bring this matter up at the next convention. The alleged attempt to "lift" the Northwestern chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon by the local chapter of the Phi Delta Theta is discussed from the Phi side by the editor, who resolves it all into a personal interview between members of the two chapters. He takes a decided stand against lifting. The outcome of the matter is yet to be seen. From personal investigation matters seem to have been exaggerated. Phi Delta Theta has done no wrong.

The March Shield of Phi Kappa Psi is filled, to a great extent, with matter relating to the Grand Arch Council, which was held in Philadelphia, April 18th, 14th, 15th. An alumnus of the Cornell chapter in a very readable article on "Class Societies at Cornell," thinks that each chapter should decide for itself the position it will take with reference to class societies. He gives the following reason in support of his position:

"Outside of my own Alma Mater I know but little of the standing and general usages of class societies at institutions where we have chapters, and I believe that none but the actual students of any institution can have a thorough understanding of the advantages or disadvantages to be derived from membership in class societies of that particular institution. In view of this fact should not the chapter instead of the general Fraternity be the judge of whether its members shall or shall not join any particular class society? If any chapter believes that membership in any of this class of societies is antagonistic to the best interests of the chapter, it can easily pass a chapter by-law forbidding its members to join that particular body. On the other hand, if membership in these societies is not antagonistic to the welfare of the

chapter, and is instead a positive benefit, and a means of putting the chapter forward prominently, it seems unjust to enact any law that will prevent members of Phi Kappa Psi from receiving the benefits so to be derived."

The Theta Delta Chi Shield for March is filled with a description of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Theta Delta Chi. At the banquet table were 243 Theta Delts. An unique feature was the autographs of each one present upon the menu cards. Clay W. Holmes, the veteran editor of the Shield, was presented with a loving cup, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the fraternity. A general good time was had. Abel Beach, one of the founders of this order, was present. There is farther discussion of the case of James B. Pratt, the Theta Delt, lifted by Kappa Alpha (N. O.) at Williams. According to the Editor, Mr. Pratt clearly convicts himself of the charges against him.

The April Beta Theta Pi is a memorial number, commemorating the death of Hon. John Reily Knox, the founder of Beta Theta Pi, which occurred at his home in Greenville, Ohio, Feb. 7, 1898. There are tributes to him from all classes of men in the various departments of life. From the founding of Beta Theta Pi in 1839, until his death in 1898, his interest in it never wavered, and he seems to have watched over its progress with incessant care. Such men are not often found, and we cannot pass by the notice of his death without stopping to pay a tribute to his worth as a man, and his fidelity as a fraternity member. The University of Maine is described and the article illustrated with numerous pictures of the buildings and grounds. There is an exceedingly well written article on "The Mission of the Small College." Its arguments are good and well put. In speaking of their mission, we find this statement:

"Herein lies the mission of the small college: to bring the higher education within the reach of the masses. In the civilizing of the great western country their value has been inestimable. While ability and energy were rushing and pushing toward a purely material development, the influence of these numerous centers has been as a balance wheel to check and direct this growth along right lines. They have gone far toward giving tone and character to the nation we are proud of to-day."

As to the relation of the small college to the fraternity it has been our observation that some of the best men in all the fraternities have come from chapters in small colleges. To some extent the fraternity life of a man at a small college means more to him than at a large college or university where fraternities approach the level of mere 'societies.'

The Kappa Alpha Journal is now published in Lexington, Ky.,

twenty-five miles from Richmond, the publication office of the Delta. Its long absence from our table compels this acknowledgement of its welcome return, after a suspension of almost, if not quite a year. No journal has been more welcome in the past than the snow covered journal of Kappa Alpha, and none has surpassed it in excellence in all departments. It seemed to be the peculiar calling of its editor, Mr. Vernon M. Jones, to permanently preside over its destiny else it might deteriorate from the lofty position his genius enabled it to attain. But Mr. Jones has retired in favor of Mr. Samuel M. Wilson, of Center '92, Kentucky, a brilliant orator and scholar. We cannot refrain from expressing the regret we feel at parting company with Mr. Jones, while bespeaking for his successor the largest measure of success, for his first issue is creditable alike to the new and old order of things.

A. T. O. is trying to organize a chapter at the University of Cincinnati. A. T. O. already has six chapters in the Buckeye State.

#### OUTSIDE ESTIMATE OF THE DELTA.

The March Delta of Sigma Nu is the best issue of that magazine that we have ever received. It indicates very loyal work on the part of its editor—Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

The Delta just at hand, and read with a great deal of interest; in fact, I always enjoy the Delta. There is one thing I wish to say of your journal, and that is, it is always brimful of Sigma Nu News. A fraternity magazine, above all things, should be the exponent of the fraternity that publishes it, and this is true of the Delta.—Wm. C. Gretsinger, editor Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.

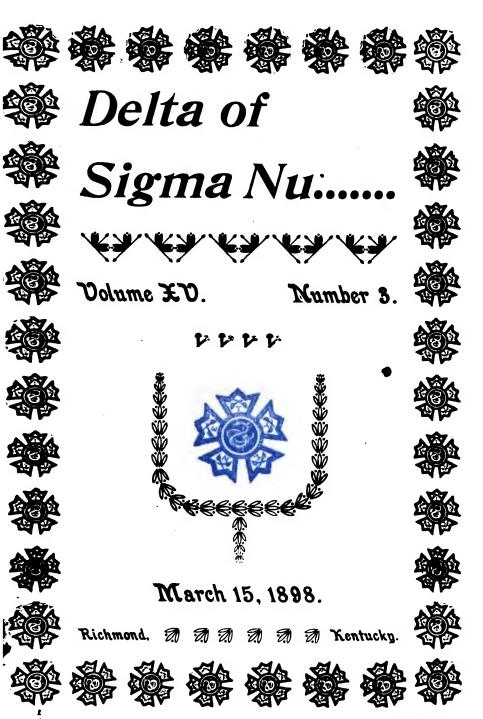
The March Delta has just been received, and I want to congratulate you on your cover and your two new chapters; Northwestern and Vermont are both fine schools.—Hugh Th. Miller, editor Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

#### RETRACTION DEMANDED.

Notice is hereby served upon the Western College Magazine that affidavits are on file in this office wholly disproving the statement made on page 434 of its issue of December, 1897, to the effect that 'Sigma Nu has been sold out by the sheriff at Lehigh.' We called upou Editor Switzler for the name of his informant, which he declined to give or to retract the statement, "Unless the Delta officially and positively state that the report is untrue." Whereupon, we pronounce the report a slander and falsehood, and will submit two affidavits to this affect. Kappa Sigma Caduceus also kindly take notice.

C. E. WOODS, EDITOR DELTA.

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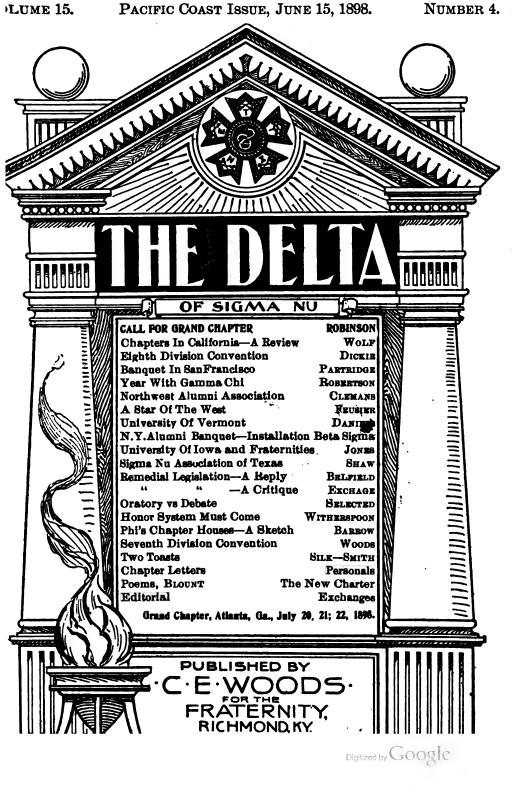
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